

Who we are in Christ

By the grace of God I am:

- Important-God's son died for me, I was bought at a huge ransom. (1 Cor 6: 19-20)
- Created, not the end product of blind evolutionary chance
- Loved, God loves me so much
- Valuable, I am made in the image of God (Gen 1:27)
- A person of destiny - God has a plan for my life
- Known so well that all the hairs on my head are counted (Mt 10:29-31)
- Not an accident or a mistake, my parents made me but God knew me even before then (Jer 1:4-7; Ps 139:15-16)

Because I am a Christian and I am indwelt by the Spirit of Jesus I am:

- a child of YHWH (Jn 1:12)
- dearly loved (Col 3:12, 1 Jn 3:1-2)
- linked into the true vine (Jn 15:1) and part of his body (Eph 5:20)
- chosen and commissioned to go and bear fruit of great significance in my life (Jn 15)
- a child of God and joint heir with Jesus in the treasures of his inheritance (Rm 8:14- 17; Gal 4: 6-7; 2 Cor 1: 21)
- a temple inhabited by the Spirit of Jesus (1 Cor 3:16)
- a new creation (2 Cor 5:17)
- God's handiwork, wonderfully crafted (Eph 2:20)
- a member of a new family, with members in most ethnic groups (Eph 2:19)
- a citizen of heaven (Phil 3:20)
- a living stone part of God's structure (1 Pet 2:5)
- a royal priest (1 Pet 2:9-10)
- completely forgiven and made righteous (Rm 5:1)
- able to have the mind of Christ (1 Cor 2:16)
- able to approach God with boldness and confidence (Eph 3:2)
- rescued and free of debt Col 1:14 (Heb 4:16)
- recipient of a Spirit of power, love and self-control (2 Tim 1:7)
- able to express spiritual gifts like healing (1 Cor 12)
- confident that I can ask anything according to God's will and expect to receive it (1 Jn 5:14)
- sure that all things, even apparently evil ones, will work out for the good of God's cause (Romans 8:28)
- assured that my name is carved on the very palms of the hands of God (Isaiah 49:16)
- comforted in all my troubles by YHWH (Ps 34:18; 2 Cor 1:3-4)
- more than a conqueror (Romans 8:37)
- a supernatural being having natural experiences on earth (Phil 4:13)

- progressing towards my eternal home, heaven, I am an alien here (1 Pet 2:11)
- called to study (2 Tim 2:15)
- moving out into my destiny which is to do the works of Jesus and proclaim the gospel (Mark 16:14-16)
- a servant leader (Matthew 20:26)
- supported by the prayers of other and to support them in turn with prayer (James 5:13)
- able to overcome discouragement, setbacks, disappointments and frustrations because I know that I am part of an unstoppable participant in God's bride the church that will triumph in Christ (1 John 5:4)
- not crushed by the critical opinions of others, for I live only by the opinion of Jesus (Matthew 6:33; Gal 1:10)