

I am...

- ...God’s child for I am born again of the incorruptible seed of the Word of God, which lives and abides forever (1 Peter 1:23).
- ...God’s workmanship, created in Christ unto good works (Ephesians 2:10).
- ...a new creature in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17).
- ...a spirit being alive to God (Romans 6:11; 1 Thessalonians 5:23).
- ...a believer, and the light of the Gospel shines in my mind (2 Corinthians 4:4).
- ...a doer of the Word and blessed in my actions (James 1:22, 25).
- ...a joint-heir with Christ (Romans 8:17).
- ...more than a conqueror through Him Who loves me (Romans 8:37).
- ...an overcomer by the blood of the Lamb and the word of my testimony (Revelation 12:11).
- ...a partaker of His divine nature (2 Peter 1:3-4).
- ...an ambassador for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20).
- ...part of a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a purchased people (1 Peter 2:9).
- ...the righteousness of God in Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:21).
- ...the temple of the Holy Spirit; I am not my own (1 Corinthians 6:19).
- ...the head and not the tail; I am above only and not beneath (Deuteronomy 28:13).
- ...the light of the world (Matthew 5:14).
- ...His elect, full of mercy, kindness, humility, and longsuffering (Romans 8:33; Colossians 3:12).
- ...forgiven of all my sins and washed in the Blood (Ephesians 1:7).
- ...delivered from the power of darkness and translated into God’s kingdom (Colossians 1:13).
- ...redeemed from the curse of sin, sickness, and poverty (Deuteronomy 28:15-68; Galatians 3:13).
- ...firmly rooted, built up, established in my faith and overflowing with gratitude (Colossians 2:7).
- ...called of God to be the voice of His praise (Psalm 66:8; 2 Timothy 1:9).
- ...healed by the stripes of Jesus (Isaiah 53:5; 1 Peter 2:24).
- ...raised up with Christ and seated in heavenly places (Ephesians 2:6; Colossians 2:12).
- ...greatly loved by God (Romans 1:7; Ephesians 2:4; Colossians 3:12; 1 Thessalonians 1:4).
- ...strengthened with all might according to His glorious power (Colossians 1:11).
- ...submitted to God, and the devil flees from me because I resist him in the Name of Jesus (James 4:7).

I press on toward the goal to win the prize to which God in Christ Jesus is calling us upward
(Philippians 3:14)

For God has not given us a spirit of fear; but of power, love, and a sound mind.
(2 Timothy 1:7)

It is not I who live, but Christ lives in me.
(Galatians 2:20)

PATHWAYS to the KING
Upgrading Obligation to Passion: Identity in Christ
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Passion encompasses a single-mindedness, an intensity, and an extravagantly strong FONDNESS for someone.

Relationships certainly exist between two people that have no passion, but then OBLIGATION is the glue. Relationships like this are built on discipline, moral commitment, a sense of duty, or mutual respect.

Point to Ponder:

1. Do you feel obligated towards God?
2. Do you feel passionate towards God?
3. Would you describe your relationship with God as meaningful and profound or more duty-filled?

God knows that relationships that are most meaningful are the ones that have been UPGRADED by passion. John 15:15

Discovering the passion that exists in God’s heart for you and in return having passion for God is found in answering the question, “WHO AM I?” from God’s point of view.

Point to Ponder:

What would change for you if you could hear with perfect love and perfect accuracy who God says you are?

“How precious are your thoughts towards me. They cannot be numbered! I cannot even count them; they outnumber all the grains of sand.” Psalm 139:17-18a

Practical Ways to Grow in Our Identity

- 1. Begin to ask yourself, how many of your ideas about God actually stem from what your earthly Father was like. Make an honest list of what you think God is like and ask the Holy Spirit to begin to confront the wonky ones from the true ones. Study the names of God and compare the names of God to your list.
- 2. Look up the meanings of your own given names. Names are extremely important to God. We see this throughout scripture. Begin to identify your identity as God sees you based on the meaning of your names.
- 3. Read the stories in the Bible that you are drawn too and decipher the qualities of the individuals you are reading about. Assume that you are drawn to them because God wants to affirm for you that He sees you in a similar way.
- 4. Listen to what others say about you, who love you. God often uses people to help Him share who you are from His perspective. Don't shrug these identity words off.
- 5. Look at the scripture list provided (Our Identity in Christ) and highlight the identity words that are available to all of us. Pick one or two that stand out and begin to ask God to reveal the personal truth of them in your own life.
- 6. Look in the Bible for places where God gives people identity and where people know their identity.

Scripture	Person	Identity
Luke 1:28	Mary	Favoured Woman
Judges 6:12	Gideon	Mighty Hero/ Warrior
Matthew 16:18	Peter	Rock
Mark 3:17	James and John	Sons of Thunder
Luke 3:22	Jesus	Dearly Loved Son
Nehemiah 2:20	Nehemiah	We His Servants
1 Corinthians 1:1	Paul	Chosen
John 4:26	Jesus	Messiah
John 21:7	John	The One that Jesus Loved

OUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST

I am...

- ...complete in Him Who is the Head of all principality and power (Colossians 2:10).
- ...alive with Christ (Ephesians 2:5).
- ...free from the law of sin and death (Romans 8:2).
- ...far from oppression, and fear does not come near me (Isaiah 54:14).
- ...born of God, and the evil one does not touch me (1 John 5:18).
- ...holy and without blame before Him in love (Ephesians 1:4; 1 Peter 1:16).

I have...

- ...the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:16; Philippians 2:5).
- ...the peace of God that passes all understanding (Philippians 4:7).
- ...the Greater One living in me; greater is He Who is in me than he who is in the world (1 John 4:4).
- ...received the gift of righteousness and reign as a king in life by Jesus Christ (Romans 5:17).
- ...received the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Jesus, the eyes of my understanding being enlightened (Ephesians 1:17-18).
- ...I have received the power of the Holy Spirit to lay hands on the sick and see them recover, to cast out demons, to speak with new tongues. I have power over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means harm me (Mark 16:17-18; Luke 10:17-19).
- ...I have put off the old man and have put on the new man, which is renewed in the knowledge that we are made in his image (Colossians 3:9-10).
- ...no lack for my God supplies all of my needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19).

I can...

- ...quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one with my shield of faith (Ephesians 6:16).
- ...do all things through Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:13).

I show...

- ...forth the praises of God Who has called me out of darkness into His marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9).