OUR IDENTITY

CHRISTIAN:
WHO ARE YOU
"IN CHRIST"?

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- Most people identify themselves with their families, their jobs, their accomplishments, their social clubs, etc.
- We are certainly thankful for our parents but this is our "human" or "natural" inheritance.
- If you think about it our "natural" parents gave us "death". They gave us a "dead spirit" (dead to God and alive to sin), a soul that was bound for hell, and a body that was in the process of dying right from birth.

- Also, many times people look at what they do or the things they've accomplished in life.
- This is not "who we are."
- This is not a solid foundation to build a life on.

- When we become a Christian, Jesus not only enters into our life but just as importantly -- we enter into His life (the life of God – the eternal life).
- His life -- always has been is now and will always be.
- His life is eternal eternal past, eternal present, and eternal future.
- So as Christians we "IDENTIFY" with His life the life of God – the Eternal One's life.
- This is who we really are.

- Many people think humility is thinking of themselves as lowly & not very worthy. Actually, this is "not" humility.
- True humility is accepting the truth as fact and believing the truth about ourselves.
- God by His grace, love, and mercy has entered into our life at salvation. We also enter into His life and share in His:

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death (co-death),
burial (co-burial),
resurrection (co-resurrection),
ascension (co-ascension),
exaltation (co-exaltation).
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As the fish is in the sea so the sea is in the fish.

So we are in Christ and Christ is in us.

As the bird is in the air so the air is in the bird.

So we are in Christ and Christ is in us.

- The list below is "Who we are in Christ."
- It is the life, gifts, & existence of God that we should identify ourselves with.
- But aren't we supposed to be humble as Christians? Yes, true humility says,
- "I am all this because of what Jesus Christ has done for me through His death, burial, resurrection, ascension, and exaltation."

"It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God – that is our holiness, righteousness, and redemption. Therefore, let him who boasts, boast in the Lord." (1 Cor. 1:30-31)

- We can sin two ways here.
- 1) We can sin by not accepting the truth about ourselves.
- 2) Or we can sin by becoming "puffed up" with spiritual pride thinking we are better than others.

 Remember, it is because of Him....His death on the cross.....His wonderful grace to us who deserved nothing but hell, separation from God for eternity, and death. Thank you Jesus.

- Let's take some time now and read "out loud" who we are in Christ.
- The term "in Christ" ("in love," "in whom," "in him," etc.) is used over 200 times in the NT.

 REMEMBER, we have passed over from death (the wages of sin is death)
 to life

(but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus).

- We were in Adam identified with our earthly parentage
- Now we are in Christ identified with our spiritual parentage – God.
- We have passed over from death to life! Hallelujah!!!!

- My name is recorded in heaven. (Luke 10:20)
- I have life in Christ. (John 1:4)
- I shall not perish but have eternal life by believing in Christ. (John 3:14-16)
- I shall not be condemned.(John 3:18)
- I believe in Christ, have eternal life and will be raised up on the last day. (John 6:40)
- I have everlasting life. (John 6:47)
- I have abundant life (John 10:10)
- I have eternal life (John 10:28)

- I am a son of the light. (John 12:36)
- I have an untroubled heart because I trust in God.

(John 14:1)

- I have a mansion of Glory waiting (John 14:2)
- I am indwelt by Christ (John 14:23)
- As I remain in Christ, I will bear much fruit. (John 15:5)
- I am a friend of God (John 15:15)
- I am in Jesus' prayers and a gift to Jesus from God
 (John 17:9, 12, 14)
- I am saved by Christ (Acts 4:12)

- By believing in Christ I receive forgiveness of sins through His name (Acts 10:43)
- In Christ, I live and move and have my being. I am His offspring. (Acts 17:28)
- My hope in God has given me the promised resurrection of my body (Acts 24:15)
- I believe what God has told me will happen (Acts 27:25)
- I have righteousness from God through faith in Jesus Christ. (Rom 3:22)
- I am justified through faith in Jesus (Rom 3:26)

- I am credited righteousness because I believe in Jesus.
 (Rom 4:24)
- I have received reconciliation through Jesus Christ.
 (Rom 5:11)
- I am dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

(Rom 6:11)

- I have received the free gift of God; eternal life in Christ Jesus (Rom 6:23)
- I have no condemnation in Christ Jesus. (Rom 8:1)

- I am indwelt by the Holy Spirit, an heir of God and joint-heir with Christ (Rom.8:16-17)
-nothing will be able to separate me from the love of God in Christ Jesus (Rom. 8:39)
- I speak the truth with my conscience confirming it in the Holy Spirit (Rom. 9:1)
- I will never be put to shame because I trust in Jesus (Rom. 9:33; 10:11)
- I am part of the Body of Christ belonging to the other members of His body. (Rom. 12:5)

- I'm filled with joy & peace. I overflow with hope by the Holy Spirit's power (Rom 15:13)
- I glory in Christ Jesus in my service to God. (Rom 15:17)
- I have fellow workers in Christ (Rom 16:3)
- I am tested and approved in Christ. (Rom 16:10)
- I am sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy

(1 Cor. 1:2)

I have been given grace in Christ Jesus. (1 Cor. 1:4)

- I have been enriched in every way in Christ in my speaking and knowledge (1 Cor. 1:5)
- Because of God I am in Christ Jesus (1 Cor. 1:30)
- Christ has become for me wisdom from God ---- my righteousness, holiness and redemption. (1 Cor.1:30)
- I am wise in Christ! (1 Cor. 4:10)
- I have ten thousand guardians in Christ, (1 Cor. 4:15)

- I am made alive in Christ Jesus. (1 Cor. 15:22)
- I am washed, sanctified and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor.6:11)
- My body is the Holy Spirit's abode (1 Cor.6:19)
- I have spiritual gifts (1 Cor.12:11)
- I do everything in love. (1 Cor. 16:14)
- Christ's promises are always "Yes" in Christ.

(2 Cor. 1:19--20)

God makes me stand firm in Christ. (2 Cor. 1:21)

- God has anointed me, set his seal of ownership on me.
 (2 Cor.1:21)
- God has put His Spirit in my heart as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. (2 Cor.1:21)
- God, always leads me in triumphal procession in Christ
 (2 Cor. 2:14)
- Through me, God spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him (2 Cor.2:14)
- In Christ I speak before God with sincerity, like men sent from God. (2 Cor. 2:17)

- God predestined me to be adopted as His son through Jesus Christ (Eph. 1:5)
- In Christ I have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins (Eph. 1:7-8)
- God's grace has been lavished on me with all wisdom and understanding (Eph. 1:7-8)
- God's made known to me the mystery of His will according to his good pleasure (Eph. 1:9)
- I have been chosen and predestined in Christ (Eph.1:11)

- In Christ, I am a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! (2 Cor. 5:17)
- God has reconciled me to Himself in Christ, (2 Cor. 5:19)
- He has committed to me the message of reconciliation.
 (2 Cor.5:19)
- God made Him who had no sin to be sin for me,(2 Cor.5:21)
- In God I have become the righteousness of God.(2 Cor.5:21)
- Everything I do is for other's strengthening.

(2 Cor.12:19)

By God's power I will live with Him to serve others.
 (2 Cor. 13:4)

- I have freedom in Christ Jesus and will not become a slave again to sin. (Gal 2:4)
- I have put my faith in Christ Jesus that I may be justified by faith in Christ (Gal. 2:16)
- What Christ has promised me has been given me through faith in Jesus (Gal. 3:22)
- I am a son of God through faith in Christ Jesus

(Gal. 3:26)

- I am one with fellow believers in Christ Jesus (Gal. 3:28)
- I am adopted as a son into God's family (Gal.4:5)
- I am one of the faithful in Christ Jesus (Eph. 1:1)
- I have been blessed in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing (Eph. 1:3)
- I was chosen in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless (Eph. 1:4)

- I have been included in Christ. (Eph. 1:13)
- I have been marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, (Eph.1:13)
- God raised me up with Christ and seated me with Him in the heavenly realms (Eph. 2:6)
- God will show me the incomparable riches of his grace (Eph.2:7)
- I am God's workmanship. (Eph.2:10)
- I'm created in Christ Jesus to do good works prepared in advance for me (Eph.2:10)

- In Christ Jesus I have been brought near through the blood of Christ. (Eph. 2:13)
- I have access to God through Jesus (Eph.2:18)
- In Christ I am being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives (Eph. 2:22)
- I am now an heir with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus. (Eph. 3:6)
- I am part of God's eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus (Eph. 3:11)

- In Christ I may approach God with freedom and confidence. (Eph. 3:12)
- Christ dwells in my heart through faith. I'm being rooted and established in love. (Eph. 3:17)
- I am to be humble and gentle; patient, bearing with one another in love. (Eph. 4:2)
- In all things I will grow up into Him who is the Head, that is, Christ. (Eph. 4:15)
- From Christ, I am joined and held together by every supporting ligament, (Eph. 4:16)

- I have been taught in Him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. (Eph. 4:21)
- I've been forgiven in Christ. I should be kind and compassionate. (Eph. 4:32)
- I should pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers/requests (Eph. 6:18)
- I should be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. (Eph.6:18)
- I am a servant and saint in Christ Jesus (Phil. 1:1)

- My joy in Christ Jesus will overflow on account of other Christians. (Phil. 1:26)
- I worship by the Spirit of God, and glory in Christ Jesus (Phil. 3:3)
- I put no confidence in the flesh (Phil. 3:3)
- I want to be found in Him, having God's righteousness by faith (Phil. 3:9)
- I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. (Phil. 3:14)
- I have heavenly citizenship in Christ (Phil.3:20)

- My name is recorded in heaven (Phil. 4:3)
- The peace of God will guard my heart and mind in Christ Jesus. (Phil. 4:7)
- I am strengthened for all tasks to which God calls me (Phil.4:13)
- I have all my needs met according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:19)
- I am a saint in Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:21)
- I am holy and faithful in Christ. God's given me grace and peace (Col. 1:2)

- Others have heard of my faith in Christ Jesus and my love for all the saints (Col. 1:4)
- Others have been told of my love in the Spirit. (Col. 1:8)
- I have been rescued from the dominion of darkness and brought into the kingdom of God's Son (Col.1:13)
- In Christ, I have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

(Col. 1:14)

- Christ is before all things, and in Him I am held together.
 (Col. 1:17)
- All God's fullness dwells in me. I am complete in Him.

(Col. 1:19)

- I proclaim Him, admonishing and teaching with all wisdom, so I may present everyone perfect in Christ (Col. 1:28)
- My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, (Col. 2:2)
- I have all the hidden treasures of wisdom and knowledge in Christ. (Col. 2:3)

- I am orderly and firm in my faith in Christ (Col. 2:5)
- Just as I received Christ Jesus as Lord, I will continue to live in Him (Col. 2:6)
- I will be rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith and overflowing with thankfulness. (Col. 2:7)
- I have been given fullness in Christ, the head over every power and authority (Col. 2:10)
- I was circumcised, in the putting off of the sinful nature, done by Christ (Col. 2:11)

- I am forgiven and my sin debt is paid (Col. 2:13--14)
- The reality is found in Christ and I am in Christ.

(Col. 2:17)

- I died, and my life is now hidden with Christ in God.
 (Col. 3:3)
- The Lord's message has rang out from me my faith in God is known everywhere. (1 Thess. 1:8)
- I believe that Jesus died and rose again and so I believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in Him. (1Thess. 4:14)

- I will give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for me in Christ (1 Thess. 5:18)
- The name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified in me
 (2 Thess. 1:12)
- The grace of our Lord has been poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. (1 Tim. 1:14)
- I have served well and will gain an excellent standing and great assurance in my faith in Christ Jesus. (1 Tim. 3:13)

- I won't let anyone look down on me because I'm young.
 I will set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. (1 Tim. 4:12)
- God, who richly provides for me everything for my enjoyment. (1 Tim. 6:17)
- I have the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, (2 Tim.1:1)
- God has saved me and called me to a holy life because of is own purpose and grace. This grace was given me in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, (2 Tim. 1:9)

I will be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

(2 Tim. 2:1)

- Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. (2 Tim. 2:10)
- I want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus and I will be persecuted (2 Tim. 3:12)
- The Scriptures are able to make me wise for salvation through faith in Christ (2 Tim. 3:15)
- I will be active in sharing my faith, so that I'll have a full understanding of every good thing I have in Christ

(Philemon 1:6)

- I will leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity (Heb. 6:1)
- Though I have not seen Him, I love Him; and even though I do not see Him now, I believe in Him and I'm filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy. (1 Pet. 1:8)
- I am a child of God, and I belong to Him (1 Pet.1:9)
- I am redeemed by the precious blood of Christ

(1 Pet.1:18-19)

 Thru Him I believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and glorified him. My faith and hope are in God

(1 Pet. 1:21)

- I have been born again of incorruptible seed (1 Pet.1:23)
- I trust in God and will never be put to shame. (1 Pet. 2:6)
- I am a priest of God (1 Pet.2:5,9)
- Those who speak maliciously against my good behavior in Christ will be ashamed of their slander (1 Pet. 3:16)

- The God of all grace, will Himself restore me, make me strong, firm and steadfast (1 Pet. 5:10)
- I have fellowship with the Trinity (1 John 1:3)
- I am in Christ and have no darkness in me. (I John 1:5)
- But when I walk in the light, as He is in the light, I have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies me from all sin (I John 1:7)
- Christ is my advocate (I John 2:1)

- Because I claim to live in Him, I must walk as Jesus did.
 (I John 2:6)
- I love my brother & live in the light, and there's nothing to make me stumble (I John 2:10)
- I don't love the world and I have the Father's love in me. (I John 2:15)
- The anointing I received from God remains in me
 (I John 2:27)
- I will continue in Him, so that when he appears I'll be confident and unashamed before Him at his coming (I John 2:28)

- I am a child of God (1 John 3:1)
- He appeared so that he might take away my sins.
 And in Him is no sin. (I John 3:5)
- I am born of God and I will discontinue to sin, because God's seed remains in me (I John 3:9)
- I know that I live in Him and He in me, because He has given me of His Spirit. (I John 4:13)

- I acknowledge that Jesus is the Son of God, so God lives in me and I in God. (I John 4:15)
- I don't fear because I am made perfect in love.

(I John 4:18)

- I possess eternal life (I John 5:13)
- I know Him who is true. And I am in Him who is true—even in His Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. (I John 5:20)

 Now, we are going to look at a few very important Biblical areas of Christianity.

OUR STANDING:

- I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. (1 John 5:13)
- Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. (1 John 3:2)

 Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

(John 1:12-13)

- Now if we are children, then we are heirs heirs of God and co--heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.
 (Romans 8:17)
- And into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. (1 Pet. 1:4-5)

- My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. (John 10:27-29)
- And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. (Ephesians 4:30)
- For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. (Col.3:3)

 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:35-39)

OUR STATE in Christ

- Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. (John 3:6)
- I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. (Rom.7:18)
- No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God. (1 John 3:9)

OUR STATE in Christ

• If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives. (1 John 1:8-10)

POSITION – RECKON - YIELD

- POSITION: For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. (Rom 6:6-7)
- RECKON: In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. (Romans 6:11)
- YIELD: Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. (Romans 6:13)
- LIVE IN HIM: So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. (Galatians 5:16)

- JUSTIFIED: and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. (Romans 3:24)
- SANCTIFIED: To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours: (1 Cor.1:2)
- CRUCIFIED: I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Gal.2:20)

- CRUCIFIED: For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. (Rom 6:6-7)
- BURIED: having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. (Col.2:12)
- RISEN, SEATED, GLORIFIED: Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. (Col.3:1-3)

- ASCENDED: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. (Eph.1:3)
- QUICKENED: made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. (Eph.2:5)
- SATISFIED: filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God. (Phil.1:11)
- COMPLETE: and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority.

(Col.2:10)

GLORIFIED: on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you. With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith. We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Thess.1:10-12)

RECIPROCAL INDWELLING

Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves.

(John 14:8-11)

RECIPROCAL INDWELLING

- But if I do it, even though you do not believe me, believe the miracles, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father." (John 10:38)
- that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. (John 17:21)
- Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. (John 14:19-20)

RECIPROCAL INDWELLING

- Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. (John 6:56)
- Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.

(John 15:4-5,7)

CHRIST'S WORDS

- 1) You IN Christ
- 2) Christ IN You
- 3) Know God's will through the Scriptures & Holy Spirit
- If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. (John 15:7)
- This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

(1 John 5:14)

PARABLE OF THE VINE

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. (John 15:1-8)

PARABLE OF THE VINE

- Vine brings forth 'fruit'
- But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Gal.5:22-23a)
- Fruit bearing is the fruit of the "vine".
- He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. (John 15:2)
- Chastisement produces more fruit.
- The Vine produces "Sap" or "Wood".
- Pruning produces more "sap" instead of "wood".

LET'S PRAY:

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