



Identity in Christ: Living From Who You Already Are

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Intro

You don't need to earn what God already gave you, you need to receive it, believe it, and walk in it. This teaching compiles 130 Scripture-based declarations of who you are in Christ, revealing a powerful truth: your identity isn't something to strive for, it's something to live from. Whether you feel victorious or vulnerable, the Word tells you that you are chosen, loved, empowered, and seated with Christ. It's time to stop living by old labels and start living by your new nature.

My Intention and Assumptions

I hope that your relationship with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit is strengthened through this teaching. My assumption is that you have read or are reading all 66 books of the Bible for context. This is meant to be 'salt' and make you thirsty. You're welcome.

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1. You Are a New Creation

1. **2 Corinthians 5:17** – If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!
 2. **Galatians 2:20** – I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.
 3. **Romans 6:6** – Our old self was crucified with Him so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.
 4. **Colossians 3:9-10** – You have put off the old self and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.
 5. **Ephesians 4:24** – Put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.
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2. You Are a Child of God

6. **John 1:12** – To all who received Him, He gave the right to become children of God.
 7. **Romans 8:15-16** – The Spirit testifies that we are God's children.
 8. **Galatians 4:6-7** – Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"
 9. **1 John 3:1** – See what great love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God.
 10. **Ephesians 1:5** – He predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ.
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3. You Are Loved

11. **Romans 8:38-39** – Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.
 12. **Jeremiah 31:3** – I have loved you with an everlasting love.
 13. **Ephesians 3:17-19** – You are rooted and grounded in love, knowing the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge.
 14. **John 15:9** – As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Remain in My love.
 15. **Zephaniah 3:17** – The Lord rejoices over you with singing.
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4. You Are Righteous in Christ

- 16. **2 Corinthians 5:21** – God made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.
 - 17. **Romans 3:22** – The righteousness of God is through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.
 - 18. **Philippians 3:9** – Not having a righteousness of my own, but that which comes through faith in Christ.
 - 19. **Isaiah 61:10** – He has clothed me with garments of salvation and covered me with the robe of righteousness.
 - 20. **Romans 5:17** – We receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness.
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5. You Are Forgiven

- 21. **Ephesians 1:7** – In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.
 - 22. **Colossians 1:13-14** – He has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
 - 23. **Hebrews 8:12** – I will forgive their wickedness and remember their sins no more.
 - 24. **1 John 1:9** – If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us.
 - 25. **Psalms 103:12** – As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.
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6. You Are Holy and Set Apart

- 26. **1 Peter 2:9** – You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation.
- 27. **Ephesians 1:4** – He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him.
- 28. **1 Corinthians 1:30** – Jesus has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness, and redemption.
- 29. **Hebrews 10:10** – We have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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30. **Colossians 1:22** – He has reconciled you by Christ's physical body to present you holy in His sight.

7. You Are Free in Christ

31. **John 8:36** – If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

32. **Galatians 5:1** – It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.

33. **Romans 6:18** – You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

34. **2 Corinthians 3:17** – Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

35. **Romans 8:2** – The law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus.

8. You Are a Citizen of Heaven

36. **Philippians 3:20** – Our citizenship is in heaven, and we eagerly await a Savior from there.

37. **Ephesians 2:19** – You are no longer strangers, but fellow citizens with the saints.

38. **Colossians 3:1-2** – Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

39. **Hebrews 13:14** – For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.

40. **Matthew 6:20** – Store up treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy.

9. You Have Authority in Christ

41. **Luke 10:19** – I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy.

42. **Ephesians 2:6** – God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms.

43. **Romans 8:37** – In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

44. **Mark 16:17-18** – These signs will accompany those who believe: in My name they will drive out demons, speak in new tongues...

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45. **Matthew 28:18-20** – All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.
Therefore, go and make disciples...
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10. You Are Victorious

46. **1 John 5:4** – For everyone born of God overcomes the world.
47. **Revelation 12:11** – They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony.
48. **Romans 8:31** – If God is for us, who can be against us?
49. **2 Corinthians 2:14** – Thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ.
50. **1 Corinthians 15:57** – Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
51. **1 John 4:4** – Little children (believers, dear ones), you are of God and you belong to Him and have [already] overcome them [the agents of the antichrist]; because He who is in you is greater than he (Satan) who is in the world [of sinful mankind].
52. **Isaiah 54:17** – “No weapon that is formed against you will succeed; And every tongue that rises against you in judgment you will condemn. This [peace, righteousness, security, and triumph over opposition] is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and this is their vindication from Me,” says the Lord.
53. **Deuteronomy 20:4** – For the Lord your God is He who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.
54. **Romans 16:20** – The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The [wonderful] grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.
55. **Psalms 44:5** – Through You we will gore our enemies [with strength like a bull]; Through Your name we will trample down those who rise up against us.
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11. You Are an Heir of God

56. **Romans 8:17** – And if we are [His] children, [then we are His] heirs also: heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ [sharing His spiritual blessing and inheritance], if indeed we share in His suffering so that we may also share in His glory.

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57. **Galatians 3:29** – And if you belong to Christ [if you are in Him], then you are Abraham’s descendants, and [spiritual] heirs according to [God’s] promise.
58. **Ephesians 1:11** – In Him we also have received an inheritance [a destiny—we were claimed by God as His own], having been predestined (chosen, appointed beforehand) according to the purpose of Him who works everything in agreement with the counsel and design of His will.
59. **Titus 3:7** – So that we would be justified (made free of the guilt of sin) by His compassionate, undeserved] grace, and that we would be acknowledged as accepted to Him and made heirs of eternal life [actually experiencing it, according to our hope—His guarantee].
60. **Hebrews 9:15** – For this reason He is the mediator and negotiator of a new covenant [that is, an entirely new agreement uniting God and man], so that those who have been called [by God] may receive the fulfillment of the promised eternal inheritance—since a death has taken place [as the payment] which redeems them from the sins committed under the obsolete first covenant.
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12. You Are God’s Masterpiece

61. **Ephesians 2:10** – For we are His workmanship [His own master work, a work of art], created in Christ Jesus [reborn from above—spiritually transformed, renewed, ready to be used] for good works, which God prepared [for us] beforehand [taking paths which He set], so that we would walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us].
62. **Isaiah 64:8** – Yet, O Lord, You are our Father; We are the clay, and You our Potter, And we all are the work of Your hand.
63. **Psalms 139:14** – I will give thanks and praise to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well.
64. **Philippians 1:6** – I am convinced and confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will [continue to] perfect and complete it until the day of Christ Jesus [the time of His return].
65. **1 Corinthians 3:16** – Do you not know and understand that you [the church] are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells [permanently] in you [collectively and individually]?

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13. You Are God's Light in the World

66. **Matthew 5:14-16** – “You are the light of [Christ to] the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good deeds and moral excellence, and [recognize and honor and] glorify your Father who is in heaven.”
67. **Ephesians 5:8** – For once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of Light [live as those who are native-born to the Light].
68. **Philippians 2:15** – So that you may prove yourselves to be blameless and guileless, innocent and uncontaminated, children of God without blemish in the midst of a [morally] crooked and spiritually perverted generation, among whom you are seen as bright lights [beacons shining out clearly] in the world.
69. **John 8:12** – Once more Jesus addressed the crowd. He said, “I am the Light of the world. He who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.”
70. **1 Peter 2:9** – But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a [special] people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies [the wonderful deeds and virtues and perfections] of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

14. You Are an Overcomer

71. **1 John 5:4** – For everyone born of God is victorious and overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has conquered and overcome the world—our [continuing, persistent] faith [in Jesus the Son of God].
72. **Revelation 3:21** – He who overcomes [the world through believing that Jesus is the Son of God], I will grant to him [the privilege] to sit beside Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down beside My Father on His throne.
73. **Revelation 12:11** – And they overcame and conquered him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, for they did not love their life and renounce their faith even when faced with death.
74. **James 1:12** – Blessed [happy, spiritually prosperous, favored by God] is the man who is steadfast under trial and perseveres when tempted; for when he has passed the test and

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been approved, he will receive the victor's crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

75. **Romans 12:21** – Do not be overcome and conquered by evil, but overcome evil with good.

15. You Are Strong in the Lord

76. **Ephesians 6:10** – In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [draw your strength from Him and be empowered through your union with Him] and in the power of His [boundless] might.

77. **2 Timothy 1:7** – For God did not give us a spirit of timidity or cowardice or fear, but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of sound judgment and personal discipline [abilities that result in a calm, well-balanced mind and self-control].

78. **Philippians 4:13** – I can do all things [which He has called me to do] through Him who strengthens and empowers me [to fulfill His purpose—I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency; I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him who infuses me with inner strength and confident peace].

79. **Isaiah 40:31** – But those who wait for the Lord [who expect, look for, and hope in Him] will gain new strength and renew their power; they will lift up their wings [and rise up close to God] like eagles [rising toward the sun]; they will run and not become weary, they will walk and not grow tired.

80. **2 Corinthians 12:9-10** – But He has said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you [My lovingkindness and My mercy are more than enough—always available—regardless of the situation]; for My power is being perfected [and is completed and shows itself most effectively] in [your] weakness.” Therefore, I will all the more gladly boast in my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ [may completely enfold me and] may dwell in me.

16. You Are a Friend of God

81. **John 15:15** – I do not call you servants any longer, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you [My] friends, because I have revealed to you everything that I have heard from My Father.

82. **James 2:23** – And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “Abraham believed God, and this [faith] was credited to him [by God] as righteousness and as conformity to His will,” and he was called the friend of God.

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83. **Exodus 33:11** – And the Lord spoke to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his friend.
84. **Psalms 25:14** – The secret [of the wise counsel] of the Lord is for those who fear Him, and He will let them know His covenant and reveal to them [through His word] its [deep, inner] meaning.
85. **Proverbs 18:24** – The man of too many friends [chosen indiscriminately] will be broken in pieces and come to ruin, but there is a [true, loving] friend who [is reliable and] sticks closer than a brother.
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17. You Are Seated With Christ

86. **Ephesians 2:6** – And He raised us up together with Him [when we believed], and seated us with Him in the heavenly places, [because we are] in Christ Jesus.
87. **Colossians 3:1-2** – Therefore if you have been raised with Christ [to a new life, sharing in His resurrection from the dead], keep seeking the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind and keep focused habitually on the things above [the heavenly things], not on things that are on the earth [which have only temporal value].
88. **Hebrews 1:3** – The Son is the radiance and only expression of the glory of [our awesome] God [reflecting God's Shekinah glory, the Light-being, the brilliant light of the divine], and the exact representation and perfect imprint of His [Father's] essence, and upholding and maintaining and propelling all things [the entire physical and spiritual universe] by His powerful word [carrying the universe along to its predetermined goal]. When He Himself and no other had [by offering Himself on the cross as a sacrifice for sin] accomplished purification from sins and established our freedom from guilt, He sat down [revealing His completed work] at the right hand of the Majesty on high [revealing His divine authority].
89. **Revelation 3:21** – He who overcomes [the world through believing that Jesus is the Son of God], I will grant to him [the privilege] to sit beside Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down beside My Father on His throne.
90. **1 Peter 3:22** – Who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, [that is, the place of honor and authority], with [all] angels and authorities and powers made subservient to Him.
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18. You Are More Than a Conqueror

91. **Romans 8:37** – Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors and gain an overwhelming victory through Him who loved us [so much that He died for us].
92. **2 Corinthians 2:14** – But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us spreads and makes evident everywhere the sweet fragrance of the knowledge of Him.
93. **Joshua 1:9** – Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not be terrified or dismayed (intimidated), for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.
94. **Psalms 60:12** – Through God we will have victory, for He will trample down our enemies.
95. **Revelation 17:14** – They will wage war against the Lamb (Christ), and the Lamb will triumph and conquer them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him and on His side are the called and chosen and faithful [faithful to the chosen purpose].
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19. You Are Blessed With Every Spiritual Blessing

96. **Ephesians 1:3** – Blessed and worthy of praise be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms in Christ.
97. **2 Peter 1:3** – For His divine power has bestowed on us [absolutely] everything necessary for [a dynamic spiritual] life and godliness, through true and personal knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.
98. **James 1:17** – Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above; it comes down from the Father of lights [the Creator and Sustainer of the heavens], in whom there is no variation [no rising or setting] or shadow cast by His turning [for He is perfect and never changes].
99. **Philippians 4:19** – And my God will liberally supply (fill until full) your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
100. **Deuteronomy 28:2** – All these blessings will come upon you and overtake you if you pay attention to the voice of the Lord your God.
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20. You Are God's Work in Progress

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101. **Philippians 1:6** – I am convinced and confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will [continue to] perfect and complete it until the day of Christ Jesus [the time of His return].
102. **2 Corinthians 3:18** – And we all, with unveiled face, continually seeing as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are progressively being transformed into His image from [one degree of] glory to [even more] glory, which comes from the Lord [who is the Spirit].
103. **Psalms 138:8** – The Lord will accomplish that which concerns me; Your [unwavering] lovingkindness, O Lord, endures forever—Do not abandon the works of Your own hands.
104. **Isaiah 64:8** – Yet, O Lord, You are our Father; We are the clay, and You our Potter, And we all are the work of Your hand.
105. **Hebrews 13:20-21** – Now may the God of peace [the Source of serenity and spiritual well-being], who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood that sealed and ratified the eternal covenant, equip you with every good thing to carry out His will and strengthen you [making you complete and perfect as you ought to be], accomplishing in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

21. You Are a Part of the Body of Christ

106. **1 Corinthians 12:27** – Now you [collectively] are Christ's body, and individually [you are] members of it [each with his own special purpose and function].
107. **Ephesians 4:16** – From Him the whole body [the church, in all its various parts], joined and knitted firmly together by what every joint supplies, when each part is working properly, causes the body to grow and mature, building itself up in [unselfish] love.
108. **Romans 12:5** – So we, who are many, are [nevertheless just] one body in Christ, and individually [we are] parts one of another [mutually dependent on each other].
109. **Colossians 1:18** – He is also the head [the life-source and leader] of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will occupy the first place [He will stand supreme and be preeminent] in everything.
110. **1 Peter 2:5** – You [believers], like living stones, are being built up into a spiritual house for a holy and dedicated priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices [that are] acceptable and pleasing to God through Jesus Christ.

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22. You Are God's Temple

111. **1 Corinthians 6:19-20** – Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is within you, whom you have [received as a gift] from God, and that you are not your own [property]? You were bought with a price [you were actually purchased with the precious blood of Jesus and made His own]. So then, honor and glorify God with your body.
112. **2 Corinthians 6:16** – What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said: “I will dwell among them and walk among them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.”
113. **Ephesians 2:21-22** – In Him the whole structure is joined together, and it continues growing into a holy temple in the Lord [a sanctuary dedicated, set apart, and sacred to the presence of the Lord]. In Him [and in fellowship with one another] you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.
114. **Revelation 21:3** – Then I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, “See! The tabernacle of God is among men, and He will live among them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them [as their God].”
115. **Ezekiel 37:27** – My dwelling place also will be among them; and I will be their God, and they will be My people.
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23. You Are a Priest and a King in Christ

116. **Revelation 1:6** – And formed us into a kingdom [as His subjects], priests to His God and Father—to Him be the glory and the power and the majesty and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.
117. **1 Peter 2:9** – But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a [special] people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies [the wonderful deeds and virtues and perfections] of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.
118. **Revelation 5:10** – You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign on the earth.
119. **Exodus 19:6** – And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation [set apart for My purpose]. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.

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120. **Isaiah 61:6** – But you shall be called the priests of the Lord; people will speak of you as the ministers of our God. You will eat the wealth of nations, and you will boast of their riches.
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24. You Are the Salt and the Light

121. **Matthew 5:13** – You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has lost its taste (purpose), how can it be made salty? It is no longer good for anything, but to be thrown out and walked on by people [when the walkways are wet and slippery].
122. **Mark 9:50** – Salt is good and beneficial; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how will you restore the flavor? Have salt within yourselves [continually], and be at peace with one another.
123. **Luke 14:34-35** – Therefore, salt is good; but if salt has become tasteless, with what will it be seasoned? It is useless for the soil or for the manure pile; so they throw it away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear and heed My words.
124. **2 Corinthians 4:6** – For God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” is the One who has shone in our hearts to give us the Light of the knowledge of the glory and majesty of God [clearly revealed] in the face of Christ.
125. **John 12:36** – While you have the Light, believe and trust in the Light [have faith in it, hold on to it, rely on it], so that you may become sons of Light [being filled with Light as followers of God].
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25. You Are Sealed With the Holy Spirit

126. **Ephesians 1:13** – In Him, you also, when you heard the word of truth, the good news of your salvation, and [as a result] believed in Him, were stamped with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit [the One promised by Christ as owned and protected by God].
127. **2 Corinthians 1:22** – It is He who has also put His seal on us [that is, He has appropriated us and certified us as His] and has given us the [Holy] Spirit in our hearts as a pledge [like a security deposit to guarantee the fulfillment of His promise of eternal life].
128. **Ephesians 4:30** – And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God [but seek to please Him], by whom you were sealed and marked [branded as God’s own] for the day of redemption [the final deliverance from the consequences of sin].

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129. **2 Timothy 2:19** – Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God [which He has laid] stands [sure and unshaken despite attacks], bearing this seal: “The Lord knows those who are His.”

130. **John 6:27** – For God the Father has authorized and certified Him and put His seal on Him.