

Faith Fight Podcast - Our Identity in Christ

Our relationship with God and our entire Christian lives is all hinged on what we know and believe about our identity in Christ. If we have a distorted view of who we are it can hinder our ability to approach God in prayer, limit our faith and diminish our spiritual growth. Knowing our identity in Christ is very important and that's what we are going to talk about today.

We are justified (declared not guilty) - Romans 3:24 (NLT)

Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.

When a judge in a court of law declares the defendant not guilty, all the charges are removed from his record. Legally it's as if the person has never been accused. When God forgives our sins our record is wiped clean.

No condemnation awaits us. - Romans 8:1

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.

Without Jesus we would have no hope at all. But thank God he has declared us not guilty and has offered us freedom from sin and the power to do his will.

We are free from the law of sin and death. - Romans 8:2

And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death.

The spirit of life is the Holy Spirit. He was present at the creation of the world and He is the power behind the rebirth of every Christian. He gives us the power to live a successful Christian life.

We are sanctified and made acceptable in Jesus Christ - 1 Corinthians 1:2

I am writing to God's church in Corinth, to you who have been called by God to be his own holy people. He made you holy by means of Christ Jesus, just as he did for all people everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours.

Sanctified means that we are chosen or set apart by Christ for His service. We accept God's invitation by accepting His son Jesus Christ and by trusting in the work he has done on the cross to forgive our sins.

We are righteous and holy in Christ - 1 Corinthians 1:30

God has united you with Christ Jesus. For our benefit God made him to be wisdom itself. Christ made us right with God; he made us pure and holy, and he freed us from sin.

Our union and identification with Christ results in us being in right standing with God, being holy, and having the penalty for our sins paid by Jesus.

We are new creatures - 2 Corinthians 5:17

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

Christians are brand new people on the inside. The Holy Spirit gives us new life. We are re-created living in a vital union with Christ. At conversion we are not simply turning over a new leaf but we are beginning a new life under our Lord Jesus.

We receive God's Righteousness – 2 Corinthians 5:21

For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin,[a] so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

When we trust in Christ, we make an exchange (our sins for his righteousness) Our sins were poured into Christ at his crucifixion. His righteousness is poured into us at our conversion.

We are one in Christ with all other believers - Galatians 3:28

There is no longer Jew or Gentile,[a] slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Faith in Christ transcends all cultural, gender, or status differences that are in the church and makes all believers one in Christ. Because all believers are his heirs, no one is more privileged than or superior to anyone else.

We are blessed with every spiritual blessing in Christ - Ephesians 1:3

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ.

This means that in Christ we have all the benefits of knowing God. The term “heavenly places” means that his blessings are eternal and we have an intimate relationship with Christ, we can enjoy these blessings now.

We have been given fullness in n Christ. - Colossians 2:10

So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority.

Christ alone holds the answer to the true meaning of life, because he is life. Christ is the unique source of knowledge and power for the Christian life. We are complete in him and need nothing else in addition to him to be saved.

We are holy, blameless, and covered with God's Love - Ephesians 1:3-4

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes

Sometimes it's hard to understand how God could accept us but because of Christ, we are holy and blameless in His sight. God chose us and when we belong to Him through Jesus Christ, God looks at us as if we had never sinned. All we can do is express our thanks for his wonderful love.

We are members of Christ's body, the church - Ephesians 5:29-30

No one hates his own body but feeds and cares for it, just as Christ cares for the church. 30 And we are members of his body.

Just as we would care for our selves, and how men should treat their wives as they do themselves, so to does Jesus care and takes care of us because we are part of the church and one in body in him.

We have been raised up to sit with Christ in glory - Ephesians 2:6

For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus.

Because of Christ's resurrection we have been given the power to live as Christians now because we are seated with Him we n heavenly places which speaks to the authority we have. Our eternal life with Christ is certain because we are united in his powerful victory.

Weekly Prayer Plan – Our Identity in Christ

How to Use this Template:

Download and save this document to begin using at the beginning (Monday) of every week. Every Week will have different bible verses to meditate on based on the Faith Fight Podcast episode topic for that week. Determine the time and place that you will devote to prayer. The below structure is set for one hour and is only used as a guide. You can adjust your timing if necessary.

Time: _____

Place: _____

5 min – Drawing Near To God

5 min – Confession

10 min – God-Centered Petitions

10 min – Intercessory Prayer

10 min – Personal Petitions

15 min – Meditation

5 min – Praise, Thanksgiving & Closing

1. **DRAWING NEAR TO GOD** - Matt. 6:9 “This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name”

God the Father is the focus of all our prayers. We should never forget what a privilege it is to bend our knees on earth and reach almighty God in heaven.

2. **CONFESSION** - Matt. 6:12 “Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us”

When we repent and forgive others, we maintain fellowship with God. But if we hold grudges, that fellowship is broken. God loves to answer our prayers when the lines of communication are not disrupted.

3. **GOD CENTERED PETITIONS** Matt 6:10 “Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.”

Prayer should reflect a desire to align ourselves with God’s goals and purposes, not to get Him to follow our plans.

4. **PERSONAL PETITIONS** Matt 6:11 “Give us today our daily bread.”

We are dependent upon the Lord for our needs and He wants us to come to Him with our requests.

5. **MEDITATION** Joshua 1:8 “Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.”

Meditation is thinking about the word of God to understand what it means in the context of the scripture and how it can apply to your life today. The Word of God is powerful enough to still be relevant in your life today even though it was written thousands of years ago.

Read through the scripture passages for today as listed below:

Meditational Verses

Monday: We are justified (declared not guilty) - Romans 3:24

Tuesday: No condemnation awaits us. - Romans 8:1

Wednesday: We are holy, blameless, and covered with God's Love - Ephesians 1:3-4

Thursday: We are righteous and holy in Christ - 1 Corinthians 1:30

Friday: We are free from the law of sin and death. - Romans 8:2

Saturday: We have been given fullness in n Christ. - Colossians 2:10

Sunday: We have been raised up to sit with Christ in glory - Ephesians 2:6

Once you have read the scripture for today, write down your answer to the questions below or any other insight/revelation that you receive in your prayer journal.

1. Is there a promise to claim?
2. Is there a lesson to learn?
3. Is there a blessing to enjoy?
4. Is there a command to obey?
5. Is there a sin to avoid?
6. Is there a new thought to carry with me?

- 6. PRAISE & THANKSGIVING 1 John 5:14-15** "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him."

We can end our prayer time with confidence that God has heard our prayer and will answer in His perfect timing. Demonstrate your faith in Him by showing thanks before you see the answer to your prayers.