



COMMUNITY OF FAITH

IDENTITY

WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST

Jesus' Identity

"This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." **Matthew 3:17**

3 *"If you are the Son of God..."* 6 *"If you are the Son of God..."* **Matthew 4:3a, 6a**

Our Identity in Christ.

1. In Christ, you are loved as an adopted child of God.

4 Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. 5 God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. **Ephesians 1:4-5 (NLT)**

We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. **1 John 4:16**

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. **John 15:3**

2. In Christ, you have been forgiven; that is, you are a saint redeemed by God.

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. **Ephesians 1:7**

25 God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith.... 26 he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

Romans 3:25a-26

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **1 John 1:9**

"Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life. **John 5:24**

12 Anyone who builds on that foundation may use a variety of materials—gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw. 13 But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value. 14 If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward. 15 But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builder will be saved, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames.

1 Corinthians 3:12-15

a) I can't believe that Jesus has forgiven me.

*Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God. **Ephesians 2:19** (NKJV)*

*And if by grace, then it cannot be based on works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace. **Romans 11:6***

b) Since I've already been forgiven, I'm free to keep sinning.

*Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away. **Acts 3:19** NLT*

*And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again." **2 Corinthians 5:15***