

DON'T LET ANYONE STEAL YOUR IDENTITY

Solid Ground—Faith for this Generation and the Next – Part 1

Colossians 1:16 *"Everything, absolutely everything got started in Christ and finds its purpose in him."*

"In Christ" = 89 times in New Testament "In Him" = 79 times

Ephesians 1:11 (MSG) *"It is IN CHRIST that we find out who we are and what we are living for."*

WHO ARE YOU 'IN CHRIST'?

1. In Christ, I AM CHOSEN, LOVED & ACCEPTED!

Ephesians 1:4-5 (NCV) *"IN CHRIST, God CHOSE us before the world was made so that we would be his holy people. Because of his LOVE, God had already decided to make us his own children through Jesus Christ. That was what he wanted and what pleased him."*

Romans 8:38-39 (CEV) *"I am certain that nothing can separate us from GOD'S LOVE—not life nor death, not angels or demons, not the present or the future, not powers above or below. Nothing in all creation can ever separate us from God's love for us IN CHRIST JESUS our Lord!"*

1 Corinthians 1:30 (CEV) *"You are God's children. He sent Christ Jesus to save us and to make us wise, acceptable, and holy."*

2. In Christ, MY VALUE & WORTH IS PRICELESS!

Genesis 1:26a-27 (NIV) *"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, in our likeness...27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.'"*

1 Peter 1:18-19a (CEV) *"You were rescued from the useless way of life that you learned from your ancestors. But you know you were not rescued by silver or gold that don't last forever. 19 You were rescued with the precious blood of Christ..."*

1 Corinthians 6:19b-20 (NLT) *"... You do not belong to yourself, 20 for God bought you with a high price..."*

3. In Christ, I AM TOTALLY FORGIVEN!

Romans 8:1 (NIV) *"There is now no condemnation for those who are IN CHRIST JESUS."*

Ephesians 1:7 (NCV) *"IN CHRIST we are set free by the blood of his death, and so we have forgiveness of sins. How rich is God's grace which he has given to us so fully and freely!"*

Ephesians 4:32 (NIV) *"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as IN CHRIST, God forgave you."*

2 Corinthians 5:17 (ERV) *"When anyone is IN CHRIST, it is a whole new world. The old things are gone; suddenly, everything is new!"*