

GRACE GIFTS

The essence of the victorious Christian life is believing what is already true about you. Do you have a choice? Of Course! Satan will try to convince you that you are a unworthy, unacceptable, sin-sick person who will never amount to anything in God's eyes. Is that who you are? No, it is not! You are a saint whom God has declared righteous. Believing Satan's lie will lock you into a defeated, fruitless life. But believing God's truth about your identity will set you free.

These statements help describe your identity in Christ. Read this list aloud to yourself repeatedly until it becomes a part of you. Pray through the list occasionally asking God to cement these truths in your heart:

Since I am in Christ, by the grace of God...

- I have been justified -- completely forgiven and made righteous. (Rom. 5:1)
- I died with Christ and died to the power of sin's rule over my life. (Rom. 6:1-6)
- I am free forever from condemnation. *S:I* (Rom. 8)
- I have been placed into Christ by God's doing. (1 Cor. 2:12)
- I have received the Spirit of God into my life that I might know the things freely given to me by God. (1 Cor. 2:12)

- I have been given the mind of Christ. (1 Cor. 2:16)
- I have been bought with a price; I am not my own; I belong to God. (1 Cor. 6:19,20)
- I have been given the Holy Spirit as a pledge guaranteeing my inheritance to come. (2 Cor. 5:14; Eph. 1:13,14)
- Since I have died, I no longer live for myself, but for Christ. (2 Cor. 5:14,15)
- I have been made righteous. (2 Cor. 5:21)

- I have been crucified with Christ and it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. The life that I am now living is Christ's life. (Gal. 2:20)
- I have been blessed with every spiritual blessing. (Eph. 1:3)
- I was chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and am without blame before Him. (Eph. 1:4)
- I was predestined --determined by God-- to be adopted as God's son. (Eph. 1:5)
- I have been redeemed and forgiven, and am a recipient of His lavish grace. I have been made alive together with Christ. (Eph. 2:5)

- I have been raised up and seated with Christ in heaven. (Eph. 2:6)
- I have direct access to God through the Holy Spirit. (Eph. 2:8)
- I may approach God with boldness, freedom and confidence. (Eph. 3:12)
- I have been rescued from the domain of Satan's rule and transferred to the kingdom of Christ. (Col. 1:13)

- I have been redeemed and forgiven for all my sins. The debt against me has been canceled. (Col. 1:14)
- Christ Himself is in me. (Col. 1:27)
- I am firmly rooted in Christ and am now being built in Him. (Col. 2:11)
- I have been spiritually circumcised. My old unregenerate nature has been removed. (Col. 2:11)

- I have been made complete in Christ. (Col. 2:10)
- I have been buried, raised and made alive with Christ. (Col. 2:12,13)
- I died with Christ and I have been raised up with Christ. My life is now hidden with Christ in God. Christ is now my life. (Col. 3:1-4)
- I have been given a spirit of power and live and self-discipline. (2 Tim. 1:7)

- I have been saved and set apart according to God's doing. (2 Tim. 1:9; Titus 3:5)
- Because I am sanctified and am one with the Sanctifier, He is not ashamed to call me brother. (Heb. 2:11)
- I have the right to come boldly before the throne of God to find mercy and grace in time of need. (Heb. 4:16)
- I have been given exceedingly great and precious promises by God by which I am a partaker of God's divine nature. (2 Peter 1:4)