

# I know who I am.

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*For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. **It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes**—the Jew first and also the Gentile. This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, “It is through faith that a righteous person has life.” Rom. 1:16-17 NLV*

***Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.** All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5:17-18 ESV*

## I. The Power of the Salvation We Have In Christ

In the great plan of God to redeem fallen mankind, we see a salvation **so marvelous** that it makes all who believe in Christ a completely new person in Him. This transformation from darkness to light is the new reality of all who believe in Jesus as their Savior.

**Jesus does not offer to make bad people good, but to make dead people alive.** Ravi Zacharias

As new creations in Christ God puts His **signature** in our lives. We have new spiritual DNA and we bear the image of God as His children. **Colossians 1:9-23**

As we walk with God we learn that our spiritual journey includes a **discovery process** about ourselves. The experiences people encounter in life can leave many unresolved issues. God solves this by giving us **a new life and new resources to live by.**

**Become complete.** *Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.* 2 Corinthians 13:11

### A. Our new position in Christ.

Romans 1:17 says that righteousness is what the gospel reveals.

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**Core Point:** The incredible work God has done for us gives us a completely new life in Christ! God solves everything by giving us a brand new beginning in Christ; our status as new creations gives us our position as the beloved children of God.

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The gospel has one end; to **restore** man to his rightful place of being the righteous children of God.

*Anyone who belongs to Christ **has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! And all of this is a gift from God,** who brought us back to himself through Christ. 2 Corin. 5:17*

### B. Our new status as sons of God.

*“I will be a **Father to you,** and you shall be **My sons and daughters,** Says the LORD Almighty.” 2 Corinthians 6:18*

*Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should **be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,** to the praise of the glory of His grace, **by which He made us accepted in the beloved.** Ephesians. 1:4-6*

### C. The transforming work of the new creation.

1. You are **forgiven.**
2. You are **clean.**
3. You are **holy.**
4. You are **righteous.**
5. You are more than a **conqueror.**
6. You are a **believer.**
7. You are a **blessing.**
8. You are **beloved.**

## II. See Yourself the Way God Sees YOU

Many are far more preoccupied with their old lives rather than getting more familiar with their new life.

*...put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the **image** of Him who created him. Col 3:10*

*...**put off your old self,** which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to **be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.** Ephesians 4:20-24*

God knows who you are, the angels know who you are, the devil knows who you are... **the question is do you know who you are?**

**Core Statement:** I believe in the power of the new birth! I have a new identity, that is paid for and fashioned by God for me. I am discovering the power of my new life... I know who I am in Christ!