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Title: The Question of Identity: Who Am I in Christ?
Truth: If you are a believer in Jesus, you have a bevy of benefits that define your spiritual identity.
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Introduction

Identity has to do with core characteristics. The identity question has left many people confused. What is a woman? What is a man? Who am I? Who did God create me to be? It is critical for a Christian to have a solid handle on who exactly he or she is as a Christian. This worksheet will help you to review the basics.

I. Before I Became a Christian

1. I was in Adam. 1 Cor. 15:22.
2. I was dead in sin. Ephesians 2:1.
3. I could call myself the chief of sinners. 1 Tim. 1:15.
4. I was a slave to sin. John 8:34.

   Romans 6:19 adds that we were slaves of uncleanness and lawlessness.
5. I was condemned. Rom. 5:18.
6. My mind was darkened and my heart was blinded. Eph. 4:18.
7. I was an enemy of God. Rom. 8:7.
8. I could not please God. Rom. 8:8.
9. I could not understand the significance of spiritual truth. 1 Cor. 2:14.
10. I was destined for spiritual death. Rev. 20:6, 20:14, 21:8.
11. I was under the power of darkness. Col. 1:13.
12. I was under the wrath of God. John 3:36, Eph. 2:3. This does not mean that God was unconcerned for my soul, but that I deserved punishment for my sin and I was destined for that.

II. When I Became a Christian

The dividing line between "before" and "since" is the exercise of heartfelt faith in Christ, simultaneously turning from sin and acknowledging that He died for your sins and rose again from the dead. See Romans 10:9-10.

1. God requires me to repent and believe the gospel. Mark 1:15.

2. I learned that the saving gospel is that

   A. Jesus the **Son of God**
   B. **Died** on the cross
   C. For **sinners**.
   D. Then He **rose again** from the dead
   E. As **Lord** and **Christ**.
   F. He is **coming again** as **King** and **Judge**.
   G. He offers **forgiveness**, **righteousness**, and **eternal life**
   H. To all who **repent** and **trust** in Him.

3. The gospel is about repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. Acts 20:21.

4. Call on the name of the Lord and you will be saved. You need "do" nothing else because Jesus did everything for you to be rescued, forgiven, justified, and have eternal life.

III. Since I Have Been Redeemed

These are the great things God has done and is doing in my life.

1. God moved me from in Adam to in Christ. Romans 8:1. My old man is dead and I am a new man. Rom. 6:6, Eph. 4:22, Col. 3:9.

2. Now, I am dead to sin and alive to God Rom. 6:11.

3. I am called by God to be a saint, which means a holy one, set apart for God. Romans 1:7. For other references like this, see Romans 8:27, 1 Cor. 1:2, and Eph. 1:18.

4. I am a slave to righteousness. Rom. 6:18.

5. I am justified. Rom. 5:1, 5:9, 8:30.

6. My mind is renewed. Eph. 4:23.

7. God can help me to be well pleasing to Him. Col. 1:10.

8. My sins are forgiven. 1 John 2:12 and Romans 4:7. Removed from me as far as east from west, into the depth the sea.

9. Jesus considers me to be his friend. John 15:15.

10. I have access to God through Christ. Romans 5:2; Eph. 2:18, 3:12.

11. I am a new creation. 2 Cor. 5:17.

12. I have been given new spiritual life, which is called regeneration. Titus 3:5.

13. I am a member of the universal church. I am united to that body of all believers, part of the family of God. Rom 12:5.

14. The Holy Spirit baptized me into the body of Christ. 1 Cor. 12:13.

15. I have every spiritual blessing in Christ. I lack access to no blessing whatsoever. Eph. 1:3.

16. I am adopted as a son of God. Eph. 1:5. Similarly, we have the right to be called children of God. John 1:12.

17. I have been sanctified. 1 Cor. 6:11. This means God has set me apart as holy for Himself.

18. I am being sanctified. Heb. 10:14 expresses that along with marvelous truth that Christians are perfected forever and, yet, at the same time are being sanctified. This means that we are being purified to be more holy in practice.

19. I am preserved and thus enjoy eternal security. 1 Peter 1:3-5.

20. I have the responsibility to continue in the faith, sound doctrine, and good works. My continuance in these things comes under the heading of perseverance. Heb. 3:14.

21. I have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ. 1 John 2:1.

22. I have a new nature, with holy desires. 2 Peter 1:4.

23. I have citizenship in Heaven. Phil. 3:20.

24. I am reconciled to God through Christ. 2 Cor. 5:18.

25. I experience a permanent ministry of the Holy Spirit called indwelling, in which the Spirit of God takes up eternal residence in my life, ministers to my spirit, guides me, convicts me, and so forth. Romans 8:9-10. My body is therefore likened to a temple. 1 Cor. 6:19.

26. I am a co-heir with Christ. Romans 8:17.

27. I am accepted by God the Father in the Son. Eph. 1:6.

28. My sins are washed away. Titus 3:5, 1 Cor. 6:11.

29. I will be glorified. Rom. 8:30. This is the final or future aspect of sanctification and it is guaranteed for every believer.

30. I will reign with Christ. 2 Tim. 2:12, Rev. 20:6, and 1 Cor. 6:3.

31. I know God, and God knows me in a relational sense, not just informationally. John 10:14, 2 Tim. 2:19, Gal. 4:9.

32. God cares for me. 1 Peter 5:7. Jesus cared about the disciples who thought they were going to be swamped on the boat (Mark 4:38) and about Martha who was too busy (Luke 10:40).

33. I am salt. Matthew 5:13. God has me here to preserve holiness in this world of death and decay. In the ancient world, salt was extremely valuable, sometimes used as money, and it was important to preserve food because there was no refrigeration. You are valuable and important that way in God's work in the world.

34. I am light. Matt. 5:14. The word of God is like a light; our good works are light in a dark world. God calls me to shine truth and good works in the midst of a dark generation.

IV. Since We Have Been Redeemed

I am going to point out next a few identity statements regarding the church as a body. The dividing line between this section and the previous is not a hard and fast line, because all of what was said above can be said of us as a body. We all together should be light and salt, and we are all the other things we outlined above. But there are some specific ways in which God identifies the church.

1. Corporately, we are the temple of the living God. 2 Cor. 6:16, 1 Cor. 3:16.

2. We are the body of Christ. 1 Cor. 12:27.

Conclusion

In math or logic, when you write A ⟹ B, it means that if statement A is true, then statement B must also be true. For example, if A is the statement "You live in Ann Arbor" and it is true, then it follows that statement B, "You live in Michigan," must also be true (unless there is a city called Ann Arbor anywhere else in the world).

Think about this then: if from section 3 I believe the Scriptures that 1, 2, 3, 4, …. 33, 34 are all true, then ⟹ what should I be and do?

1, 2, 3, … 34 ⟹ Something in my life

Relate the blank to something you are dealing with right now in your life, family, marriage, workplace, or church. In light of the above, does it seem so big? So difficult to deal with? So irritating? So overwhelming? Is it really impossible to overcome? MAP