

MEMORY VERSE

You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus,
²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have
clothed yourselves with Christ.
Galatians 3:26-27



DAY 1

Do you know who you are? Which stories do you tell yourself about who you are? Which stories do others tell you? Is your identity defined by what others say or think about you? Is it defined by your job, the company you keep, or your current circumstances? Which experiences/voices have shaped your perceived identity? Was it from a teacher? Parent? Friends/peers? Boss? A haunting failure? A past success you still cling to?

Whether good, bad, or indifferent, if our identity is founded on anything other than who we are in Christ, it's fragile, temporary, and fleeting. It's not the story in which we were created to live.

READ Psalm 16 and John 15:5.

PRAY: *Father, open my heart to Your story: the story of purpose, meaning and hope in Christ... the good story of a significant life and new identity through faith in Christ which is eternally secure.*

DAY 2

READ Ephesians 2:1-5 and 2 Corinthians 5:17-21.

DESCRIBE one's identity before being made alive in Christ. *What do these verses say about our identity when we become part of God's story and live in Christ? Are we still bound by our old identity? Do you struggle with accepting the new identity you have in Christ? Is it hard to believe? If so, why?*

Identity theft has become a really big issue in our modern world. As new creations - believers made alive in Christ - we face a type of identity theft in the battlefield of our minds, our inner voice, plus outer voices which continually challenge our identity in Christ. These voices tell us our past is who we are, our job is who we are... They tell us we need to search for our identity. But in reality, when we seek our identity in anything other than Christ, our identity is stolen - and along with it our love, service, and joy. *Can you relate to losing or forgetting your identity in Christ as it resulted in a loss of love, service, or joy in your life?*

At that time, what voices or influences did you listen to and believe?

How do they compare to what Scripture says about our identity in Christ?

To whom/what are you listening now?

DAY 3

My identity in Christ: **I AM A CHILD OF GOD AND CLOTHED IN CHRIST.**

READ Galatians 3:26-29, Galatians 4:4-7 and 1 John 3:1.

*What does it mean to you to be a child of God? What things come to mind? Expectations, responsibilities, a burden of trying to measure up? Or do you think of words like, accepted, loved, cherished? If so, why do you think you view being a child of God in this way? What voices of influence helped shape this view? **READ** Galatians 3:26-27 again.*

USE the following synonyms of the word *clothed* in verse 27:

covered, completed, wrapped, enveloped, protected, enclosed securely.

READ the verse aloud inserting each of these words. *What does it mean to you personally that, as a child of God through faith in Christ, you have clothed yourself with Christ? **MEMORIZE** Galatians 3:26-27 this week.*

DAY 4

READ Ephesians 1:1-14.

CIRCLE all the descriptive words/phrases in these verses which describe who we are in Christ and what we have received in Christ. *(i.e. chosen, blessed with every spiritual blessing, etc.)*

As followers of Christ, this is our new identity. This is who we are.

READ each of the words/phrases you've circled.

WRITE them out as a personal declaration of your identity in Christ.

(i.e. I'm included - v.13, I have received redemption - v.6, etc.)

READ aloud what you've written.

SAY a prayer of thanksgiving for the gift of identity in Christ.

DAY 5

The Bible is filled with truths given by God about our identity in Christ.

READ the verses listed below and **WRITE** the truths of who you are in Christ.

What do these truths mean?

What difference could understanding your true identity make in your life?

Romans 5:1 ~ *(I have peace with God through Christ)*

Colossians 2:10 ~ *(I have been made full or "complete" in Christ)*

Romans 15:7 ~ *(Christ has accepted me)*

Colossians 1:13 ~ Colossians 3:12a ~ 1 Thessalonians 1:4

~ 1 Peter 2:9 ~ John 15:15 ~ Ephesians 2:19

This is who we are in Christ, not who we might be, could be, or should be.

If we're in Christ, this is our identity. The incredible thing about these truths is, they're not dependent on our feeling like they're true, nor our understanding of them. They're not dependent on us at all.

They're true because God has declared them. A popular song lyric says:

"You don't know you're beautiful; if only you saw what I can see."

As a follower of Christ, do you know how beautiful you are?

*Are you willing to see yourself as God sees you? **THIS** is God's story:*

We're children of God, dearly loved, accepted, cherished, wrapped in Christ.

Why would we live in any other story?

PRAY: Father, Your word is truth. Your word is eternal.

Thank You for my identity in Christ.

Guard my heart and mind from believing or following any other story.

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