

KNOWING WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST

The following TRUTHS apply to EVERY BELIEVER in Jesus Christ

1. YOU are the TEMPLE of GOD, a ROYAL PRIEST & one of God's OWN SPECIAL PEOPLE:

- **I Peter 2:9-10** "But **YOU** are a **chosen generation**, a **royal priesthood**, a **holy nation**, **His own special people**, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people, but **now are the people of God**, who had not obtained mercy, but **now have obtained mercy.**"
- **I Corinthians 3:16** "Do you not know that **YOU are the temple of God** and that the **Spirit of God dwells in YOU?**"
- **I Corinthians 6:19** "Or do you not know that **YOUR body is the temple of the Holy Spirit** who is in **YOU**, whom you have from God, and **YOU are not your own?**"
- **II Corinthians 6:16** "And what agreement has the **temple of God** with idols? For **YOU are the temple of the living God**. As God has said, 'I will dwell in them and walk among them, I will be their God, and they shall be **My people.**'"
- **I Peter 2:5** "**YOU**, also, as **living stones**, are being built up [to be] a spiritual house, a **holy priesthood**, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

2. YOU have ACCESS to God's very throne & YOU are ACCEPTED by GOD because YOU are IN CHRIST:

- **Romans 5:1-2** "Therefore, having been **JUSTIFIED by faith**, we have **PEACE** with God **through our Lord Jesus Christ**, through whom also we have **ACCESS by FAITH** into this **GRACE** in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."
- **John 14:6** "Jesus said to him, 'I am the **WAY**, the **TRUTH** and the **LIFE**. No one comes to (has **ACCESS** to) the Father except **through Me.**'"
- **Hebrews 4:16** "Let us therefore come boldly to the **throne of grace**, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."
- **Ephesians 1:6** "To the praise of the glory of His grace, by which **He has made us ACCEPTED in the Beloved.**"
- **Colossians 1:12-14** "Giving thanks to the **Father who has QUALIFIED US** to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the **LIGHT**. **He has DELIVERED US from the power of DARKNESS** and translated US into the kingdom of the **Son of His love**; in whom **WE** have redemption through His blood, even the **FORGIVENESS** of sins."

3. YOU are CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST and DEAD TO SIN: YOU are NO LONGER A SLAVE to SIN:

- **Romans 6:1-11** "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall **WE who died to sin** live any longer in it? Or do you not know that as many of **US** as were baptized into Christ Jesus were **baptized into His death?**

Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so **WE also should walk in newness of life.**

For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing that **OUR old man was crucified with Him**, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should **no longer be slaves of sin**. For he who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we

believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Likewise, **reckon YOURSELVES to be dead indeed unto sin**, but alive unto God in Jesus Christ our Lord." ("**Reckon**" - to accept something as certain; place reliance on, even when you don't **see the evidence**).

4. YOU are chosen by God before the foundation of the world, and YOU are blameless before Him (He only sees Jesus in YOU):

•**Ephesians 1:4** "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;"

•**John 15:16** **Jesus said**, "You have not chosen Me, but **I have CHOSEN YOU**, and ordained (appointed) YOU that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever YOU ask the Father in My name He may give YOU."

•**Jude 24-25** "Now unto Him who is able to keep YOU from stumbling (falling), and to present YOU **faultless (without blame)** before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Savior..."

5. YOU are SEATED with Christ FAR ABOVE Satan and his demons, and He has given us AUTHORITY over ALL of Satan's power:

•**Ephesians 1:20-21** "Which He wrought in Christ when He raised Him from the dead, and **set Him at His own right hand** in the heavenly places, far above **all principality, and power**, and might, and dominion, and **every name that is named** not only in this world, but also in that which is to come."

•**Ephesians 2:4-6** "But **GOD**, who is rich in mercy, for **His great love with which He loved US**, even when we were **dead** in sins, **has made US alive together with Christ** (by grace are you saved); and has **raised US up** together, and **has made US to sit together** in heavenly places **with Christ Jesus**."

•**Luke 10:19** "Behold, **I give YOU the authority** to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over **ALL** the power of the enemy, and **nothing shall by any means hurt YOU**."

6. YOU are a CHILD OF GOD, His own son or daughter, BORN AGAIN into God's family:

•**Galatians 3:26** "For **YOU** are all **sons of God** through faith in Christ Jesus."

•**II Cor. 6:17-18** "Therefore, come out from among them, and be separate," says the Lord, 'And do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive **YOU**, and **I will be a Father unto YOU**, and **YOU** shall be **My sons and daughters**', says the Lord Almighty."

•**John 1:12** "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become **CHILDREN of God**, even to those who believe in His name."

•**I Peter 1:23 & 2:2** "Having been **BORN AGAIN**, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which abides forever. As **newborn babes**, desire the pure milk of the word, that **YOU** may grow thereby."

7. GOD LOVES YOU as much as He LOVES JESUS, JESUS LOVES YOU as much as the Father LOVES HIM, & Both Jesus and God the Father Have Come to LIVE IN YOU:

•**John 15:9** "As the Father loved Me, **I also have LOVED YOU**; abide in My love."

•**John 17:20-24** "I do not pray for these alone, but also **for THOSE WHO WILL BELIEVE (YOU)** in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that **they also MAY BE ONE IN US**, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one; I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and

that the world may know that **You have sent Me, and have LOVED THEM as You have LOVED ME.** Father, I desire that **they also whom You gave Me** may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You LOVED ME before the foundation of the world."

•**John 14:20 & 23** "At that day YOU will KNOW that I am in My Father, and **YOU in Me, and I in YOU.**" "Jesus answered and said to him, 'If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and **My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.**'"

8. **YOU ARE SECURE and SAFE IN CHRIST - YOU HAVE ASSURANCE of ETERNAL LIFE:**

•**John 10:27-30** "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I **give them ETERNAL LIFE, and they shall NEVER PERISH;** neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and **NO ONE** is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. I and My Father are one."

•**I John 5:13** "These things have I written unto **YOU that believe** on the name of the Son of God; that **YOU may KNOW that YOU have eternal life,** and that YOU may *continue* to believe on the name of the Son of God."

Proverbs 1:33 "But whoever listens to Me will **dwell SAFELY, and will be SECURE, WITHOUT FEAR OF EVIL.**"

•**Hebrews 13:5-6** "...He Himself has said, '**I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU, NOR FORSAKE YOU,**' so that we may boldly say, '**THE LORD IS MY HELPER, and I WILL NOT FEAR** what man shall do to me.'"

•**Philippians 1:6** "**Being CONFIDENT** of this very thing, that **He who has BEGUN a good work in YOU will COMPLETE it** until the day of Jesus Christ."

•**Romans 8:38-39** "For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate **US from the LOVE of GOD which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**"

9. **YOU are JUSTIFIED, YOUR SINS are FORGIVEN, and GOD DOES NOT REMEMBER YOUR SINS ANYMORE (they are WASHED away in the blood of Jesus):**

•**Romans 5:1 & 9** "Therefore, having been **JUSTIFIED** by faith, we have **PEACE** with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Much more then, having now been **JUSTIFIED** by His **BLOOD,** we shall be **saved from WRATH** through Him."

•**Read Hebrews 9:11-14** (Verse 12) "Not with the blood of goats and calves (the Old Testament sacrifices), but **with His own BLOOD** He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption [*for us*]." (Verse 14) "How much more shall the **BLOOD** of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot (without sin) to God, **PURGE** your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

•**I John 1:7** "But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and **the BLOOD of Jesus Christ His Son CLEANSSES us from ALL SIN.**"

•**Romans 3:24-26** "Being **justified freely by His GRACE** through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth to be a propitiation **by His BLOOD,** through faith....." (Verse 26) ".....that He might be just and the Justifier of the one who **has FAITH in JESUS.**"

•**Ephesians 1:7** "In Him we have **redemption through His blood,** the **FORGIVENESS of sins,** according to the riches of His grace."

•**Colossians 1:14** "He has delivered us from the power of darkness and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption **through His blood,** even the **FORGIVENESS of sins.**"

•**I Corinthians 5:21** "For He (God the Father) made Him (Jesus) who knew no sin to be sin for us, that **we might be MADE the RIGHTEOUSNESS of God** in Him."

•**Hebrews 10:16-17** "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days,' says the Lord. 'I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them,' then He adds, '**Their SINS and their lawless DEEDS I will REMEMBER NO MORE.**'"
•**Isaiah 43:25** "I, even I, am the One who **WIPES OUT** your transgressions for My own sake; and **I WILL NOT REMEMBER your SINS.**"

Justified means that God by His **GRACE declares RIGHTEOUS** the sinner who believes on Jesus Christ. It is **NOT a process of becoming** righteous, **it is a ONE-TIME ACT of GRACE** — we are **MADE RIGHTEOUS** the moment we accept Jesus as our Savior! It is **NOT** merely **FORGIVENESS**, although forgiveness is **INCLUDED** — God does indeed **FORGIVE AND FORGET OUR SINS**. However, **JUSTIFICATION means God even FORGETS THAT WE WERE EVER SINNERS!** There is **NO MORE RECORD** of our sins.

10. YOU are SAVED and SEALED with the HOLY SPIRIT simply because YOU TRUSTED IN CHRIST (YOU didn't have to WORK for it or EARN it):

•**Ephesians 1:12-14** "That we should be to the praise of His glory, who first **TRUSTED in Christ**. In whom also **you TRUSTED**, after you had heard the word of truth, the **gospel of your SALVATION**: in whom also after you had **BELIEVED**, you were **SEALED with the Holy Spirit** of promise, which is the **guarantee (pledge)** of our inheritance until the **REDEMPTION** of the **PURCHASED** possession, unto the praise of His glory."

•**Ephesians 4:30** "And do not grieve the **HOLY SPIRIT of God**, by whom **you were SEALED** for the day of redemption."

•**John 14:16-17** "And I will pray (ask) the Father, and He will give YOU another Helper, that **HE may ABIDE with you FOREVER**, even the **SPIRIT of truth (Holy Spirit)**, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees HIM nor knows HIM; but **YOU know HIM**, for HE dwells with you, and **will be IN YOU.**"

•**Titus 3:4-6** "But when the **KINDNESS** and the **LOVE** of **GOD** our Savior toward man appeared, **NOT by works** of righteousness which we have done, but **according to His MERCY He SAVED us**, by the **WASHING** of regeneration (being born again) and **RENEWING of the HOLY SPIRIT**; which He shed on us **ABUNDANTLY through Jesus Christ our Savior.**"

Ephesians 2:8-9 "For **by GRACE** you have been saved **through FAITH**, and that not of yourselves, it is **the GIFT of God**; **NOT of WORKS**, lest anyone should boast."

GRACE means unmerited or **UNEARNED** favor - **being accepted and loved by God** when we have done **NOTHING** and **CAN DO NOTHING** to **EARN** or **DESERVE** it.