

KNOW YOUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST

“Mirror, mirror, on the wall ... who am I, REALLY?”

Do you know who you are in Christ? Do you see yourself through HIS eyes?

We are Chosen by God - Deuteronomy 7:6

For you are a people holy to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his own possession, out of all the peoples that are on the face of the earth.

Calls You Friend - Chosen - Appointed - John 15:13-16

¹³ No one has greater love [no one has shown stronger affection] than to lay down (give up) his own life for his friends.

¹⁴ **You are My friends** if you keep on doing the things which I command you to do.

¹⁵ **I do not call you servants (slaves) any longer**, for the servant does not know what his master is doing (working out). But **I have called you My friends**, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from My Father. [I have revealed to you everything that I have learned from Him.]

¹⁶ **You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you and I have appointed you** [I have planted you], that you might go and bear fruit and keep on bearing, and that your fruit may be lasting [that it may remain, abide], so that whatever you ask the Father in My Name [as presenting all that I AM], He may give it to you.

Chosen And Not Cast You Off - Isaiah 41:9

You whom I [the Lord] have taken from the ends of the earth and have called from the corners of it, and said to you, You are My servant--**I have chosen you and not cast you off** [even though you are exiled].

Chosen Race - Special People - 1 Peter 2:9-10

⁹ But you are a **chosen race, a royal priesthood, a dedicated nation, [God's] own purchased, special people**, that you may set forth the wonderful deeds and display the virtues and perfections of Him Who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people [at all], but now **you are God's people**; once you were unpitied, but now **you are pitied and have received mercy**.

God chose and loves us no matter what.

God pursues and wants us to spend time with him.

He wants to love and protect us

GOD CHOSE US – Ephesians 1:4-12

4 Even as [in His love] **He chose us [actually picked us out for Himself as His own]** in Christ before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy (consecrated and set apart for Him) and blameless in His sight, even above reproach, before Him in love.

5 For He foreordained us (destined us, planned in love for us) to be adopted (revealed) **as His own children** through Jesus Christ, in accordance with the purpose of His will [because it pleased Him and was His kind intent]—

⁶ [So that we might be] to the praise and the commendation of His glorious grace (favor and mercy), which He so freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

⁷ In Him we have redemption (deliverance and salvation) through His blood, the remission (forgiveness) of our offenses (shortcomings and trespasses), in accordance with the riches and the generosity of His gracious favor,

⁸ Which He lavished upon us in every kind of wisdom and understanding (practical insight and prudence),

⁹ Making known to us the mystery (secret) of His will (of His plan, of His purpose). [And it is this:] In accordance with His good pleasure (His merciful intention) which He had previously purposed and set forth in Him,

¹⁰ [He planned] for the maturity of the times and the climax of the ages to unify all things and head them up and consummate them in Christ, [both] things in heaven and things on the earth.

¹¹ In Him we also were made [God's] heritage (portion) and we obtained an inheritance; for we had been foreordained (chosen and appointed beforehand) in accordance with His purpose, Who works out everything in agreement with the counsel and design of His [own] will,

¹² So that we who first hoped in Christ [who first put our confidence in Him have been destined and appointed to] live for the praise of His glory!

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God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship) - Ephesians 2:8-10

8 For it is by free grace (God's unmerited favor) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation) through [your] faith. And this [salvation] is not of yourselves [of your own doing, it came not through your own striving], but it is the gift of God;

9 Not because of works [not the fulfillment of the Law's demands], lest any man should boast. [It is not the result of what anyone can possibly do, so no one can pride himself in it or take glory to himself.]

10 For we are **God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship)**, recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned

beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live].

Beloved of God - Colossians 3:12

Clothe yourselves therefore, as **God's own chosen ones (His own picked representatives)**, [who are] purified and holy and **well-beloved [by God Himself]**, by putting on behavior marked by] tenderhearted pity and mercy, kind feeling, a lowly opinion of yourselves, gentle ways, [and] patience [which is tireless and long-suffering, and has the power to endure whatever comes, with good temper].

Beloved - Romans 1:7

To [you then] all **God's beloved ones** in Rome, called to be **saints** and designated for a consecrated life: Grace and spiritual blessing and peace be yours from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

beloved by God - 1 Thessalonians 1:4

[O] brethren **beloved by God**, we recognize and know that He has selected (chosen) you;

The Redeemed are Called By Name: You Are God's - Isaiah 43:1-3

"Fear not, for I have **redeemed** you; I have **called you by name; you are mine**. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you...for I am the Lord, your God...your Savior."

Sheep Hear [The Good Shepherd's] Voice - John 10:3-4

...The sheep hear [the good Shepherd's] voice. He calls his own sheep by name, and leads them out.

4 When he puts forth his own sheep, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

We are the Children Of God - John 1:12-13

12 But to as many as did receive and welcome Him, He gave the authority (power, privilege, right) to become the children of God, that is, to those who believe in (adhere to, trust in, and rely on) His name—

13 Who owe their birth neither to bloods nor to the will of the flesh [that of physical impulse] nor to the will of man [that of a natural father], but to God. [They are born of God!]

Children of the promise - Romans 9:8

That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but the children of the promise are regarded as descendants.

Sons of light and Sons of the day - 1 Thessalonians 5:5

For you are all sons of light and sons of the day; we do not belong either to the night or to darkness.

We are Imprinted on His Mighty Hands - Isaiah 49:16

Behold, I have indelibly imprinted (tattooed a picture of) you on the palm of each of My hands; [O Zion] your walls are continually before Me.

We Are Wonderfully and Fearfully Made - Psalm 139:13-16

13 For You did form my inward parts; You did knit me together in my mother's womb.

14 I will confess and praise You for You are fearful and wonderful and for the awful wonder of my birth! Wonderful are Your works, and that my inner self knows right well.

15 My frame was not hidden from You when I was being formed in secret [and] intricately and curiously wrought [as if embroidered with various colors] in the depths of the earth [a region of darkness and mystery].

16 Your eyes saw my unformed substance, and in Your book all the days [of my life] were written before ever they took shape, when as yet there was none of them.

Created And Formed Us - Isaiah 43:1

BUT NOW [in spite of past judgments for Israel's sins], thus says the Lord, He **Who created you**, O Jacob, and He **Who formed you**, O Israel: Fear not, for I have redeemed you [ransomed you by paying a price instead of leaving you captives]; I have called you by your name; you are Mine.

Who made and formed you from the womb - Isaiah 44:2

Thus says the Lord, **Who made you and formed you from the womb**, Who will help you: Fear not, O Jacob, My servant, and you Jeshurun [the upright one--applied to Israel as a type of the Messiah], whom I have chosen.

Be Assured, God Works for Our Good in All Circumstances. - Romans 8:28

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

We Are Redeemed and All Our Sins Forgiven - Colossians 1:13-14

For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

I No Longer Live, But Christ Lives In Me - Galatians 2:20

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me"

The Apple of My Father's Eye - Deuteronomy 32:10

He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the **apple of his eye**.

Apple of the eye - Psalm 17:8

Keep me as the **apple of the eye**, hide me under the shadow of thy wings,