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Seven Days to Claiming Your Identity in Christ

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"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." -

Romans 12:2

Look at **one** of the **lies** each **day**. Ask yourself, *Am I believing this lie?* Then **look up Scriptures** for that day and **write** them down. **Read them aloud**, and **thank God** that His Word **confirms** the **truth** about you— *whether you feel like it or not*. If you repeat this each time, you will begin to **see yourself through God's eyes**.

Day One... My New Family

○ **Lie:**

"I can't feel valuable unless I'm loved and accepted by my family and the significant people in my life."

○ **Truth:**

I have God-given value because I have been placed into a new family where I am unconditionally loved and accepted by God.

- **I am Chosen by God-** *"He chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight."* -Eph 1:4
- **I am Adopted by God-** *"In love he predestined us to be **adopted** as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will."* -Eph 1:4-5
- **I am a Child of God-** *"To all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become **children of God**."* -John 1:12
- **I am Born Again-** *"You have been **born again**, not of perishable seed, but..imperishable. through the living/ enduring word of God."* -1 Peter 1:23

Day Two... My New Characteristics

○ **Lie:**

"I'll never feel valuable because this is just the way I am. I cannot change."

○ **Truth:**

I have God-given value because God has changed me on the inside -given me new characteristics.

- **I am a New Creation**

*"If anyone is in Christ, he is a **new creation**; the old has gone, the new has come!"* -2 Cor 5:17

- **I have a New Nature**

*"In him you were also circumcised, in the **putting off of the sinful nature**, not with a circumcision done by the hands of men but with the circumcision done by Christ."* -Col 2:11

- **I have a New Heart**

*"I will give you a **new heart**/..new spirit in you; ..remove..heart of stone/ ..heart of flesh."* -Ezk 36:26

- **I have a New Spirit**

*"I will put **my Spirit** in you/ move you to follow my decrees/ be careful to keep my laws."* -Ezk 36:27

- **I have a New Mind**

*"...But we understand these things, for we have the **mind of Christ**"* -1 Cor 2:16 NLT

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Day Three... My New Clothing

○ **Lie:**

*"I can't feel I have **value** unless I live in the right **neighborhood**, w- the right **car** / the right **clothes**."*

○ **Truth:**

I have **God-given value** because I have a **new** residence in God's kingdom /**new clothing** of Christ

● **I am Clothed with Christ.**

*"All of you who were baptized into Christ have **clothed** yourselves with Christ." -Gal 3:27*

● **I am Baptized into Christ.**

*"We were therefore buried with him through **baptism** into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." -Ro 6:4*

● **I am Hidden in Christ.**

*"For you died, and your life is now **hidden** with Christ in God." -Col 3:3*

● **I am Sealed with the Spirit of Christ.**

*"You also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with **a seal**, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory." -Ephesians 1:13-14*

● **I am Given the Full Armor of God.**

*"Therefore put on the **full armor of God**, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then..." -Ephesians 6:13-17*

Day Four... My New Life

○ **Lie:**

*"My life has **no value** since I've **done** so many things **wrong**—my life is **ruined**."*

○ **Truth:**

I have **God-Given Value**, for I've been **given** a **new life** in Jesus Christ.

● **I am Redeemed. -bought back**

*"In him we have **redemption** through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace." -Eph 1:7*

● **I am Washed. -cleaned up**

*"That is what some of you were [wicked]. But you were **washed**, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God." -1 Cor 6:11*

● **I am Purified. -propped up**

*"If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellow ship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, **purifies** us from all sin." -1 John 1:7*

● **I am Justified. -face up**

*"Since we.. been **justified** through faith, we have peace w- God through our Lord Jesus Christ." -Ro 5:1*

● **I am Sanctified. -washed up**

*"You were washed.**sanctified**,.. justified ..name of the Lord Jesus Christ/ Spirit of our God." -1 Cor 6:11*

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Day Five... My New Image

o **Lie:**

"My life has value as long as I can **look good** to **others**."

o **Truth:**

I have God-given value even though **I have fallen** in the **past** and may **stumble** in the **future**. He has given me a **new image**.

Remember- God Doesn't Do Anything "Halfway"

• **I Am Totally Accepted by Christ.**

*"Accept one another, then, just as Christ **accepted** you, in order to bring praise to God." -Romans 15:7*

• **I am Totally Blameless Before Christ.**

*"He has **reconciled** you by Christ's physical body through death to present you **holy** in his sight, **without blemish** and free from accusation." -Colossians 1:22*

• **I Am Totally Righteous in Christ.**

*"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the **righteousness of God**." -2 Corinthians 5:21*

• **I Am Totally Complete in Christ.**

*"In Christ all the **fullness of the Deity** lives in bodily form, and you have been given **fullness** [made complete] in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority." -Colossians 2:9-10*

• **I Am Totally Perfect Because of Christ.**

*"By one sacrifice he has made **perfect** forever those who are being made holy." -Hebrews 10:14*

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Day Six... My New Freedom

▪ **Lie:**

"My life has no value because I have failed and deserve to be punished."

▪ **Truth:**

I have God-given value **based not** on my **past performance** but on **Christ**, who lives **in me** and who **gives me freedom** from condemnation.

• **I Am Free from Accusation.**

"He has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation." -Colossians 1:22

• **I Am Free from Condemnation.**

*"Therefore, there is now **no condemnation** for those who are in Christ Jesus." -Romans 8:1*

• **I Am Free from the Law.**

*"So, my brothers, you also **died to the law** through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit to God." -Romans 7:4*

• **I Am Free from Sin.**

*"In the same way, count yourselves **dead to sin** but alive to God in Christ Jesus." -Romans 6:11*

• **I Am Free from God's Wrath.**

*"Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be **saved from God's wrath** through him!" -Romans 5:9*

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Day Seven... My New Inheritance

o **Lie:**

"My life has no value if I do not succeed financially and leave a comfortable inheritance."

o **Truth:**

I have God-Given Value because I've been given a new inheritance that provides the only true and lasting significance and security possible.

- **I Have Been Made an Heir of God.**

"So you are no longer a slave, but a son;/ since you are a son, God has made you.. an heir." -Gal 4:7

- **I Have Inherited Everything Needed to be Godly.**

"His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness." -2 Peter 1:3

- **I Have Inherited a Divine Nature.**

"Through these he has given us his very great /precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature/ escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires."-2 Pet 1:4

- **I Have Inherited Every Spiritual Blessing.**

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ." -Ephesians 1:3

- **I Have Inherited Eternal Life.**

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." -John 3:16

"He [Jesus] is the image of the invisible God." -Col 1:15 -Therefore, with Jesus Living in you. He will Enable You to Reflect the Image of God. This is Your True Identity!

In the Image of God

If the *real you* has "*Christ in you*," then the **visible you** will reflect the **Character** of Christ through you.

Your New Identity in Christ

"For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive." -1 Cor 15:22

In Adam

Old Creation

"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the **old** has gone, the new has come!" -2 Cor 5:17

Unrepentant Heart

"Because of your stubbornness / your **unrepentant heart**, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed." -Rom 2:5

Slave to Sin

"We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be **slaves to sin**." Rom 6:6

Death

"The **wages** of sin is **death**, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." -Rom 6:23

Powerless

"You see, at just the right time, when we were still **powerless**, Christ died for the ungodly." -Rom 5:6

Enemies of God

"If, when we were God's **enemies**, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!" -Romans 5:10

Condemned

"The gift of God is not like the result of the one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought **condemnation**, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification." -Rom 5:16

Slave

"Formerly, when you did not know God, you were **slaves to those who by nature are not gods**." -Ga 4:8

Slave to Impurity

"I put this in human terms because you are weak in your natural selves. Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in **slavery to impurity** and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness." -Ro 6:19

In Christ

New Creation

"If anyone is in Christ, he is a **new** creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" -2 Cor 5:17

New Heart

"I will give you a **new heart** and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh." -Ezekiel 36:26

Free from Sin

"Anyone who has died has been **freed** from sin." -Romans 6:7

Life

"Now that you have been **set free** from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life." -Rom 6:22

Strength

"I can do everything through him who gives me **strength**." -Philippians 4:13

Reconciled to God

"If, when we were God's **enemies**, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been **reconciled**, shall we be saved through his life!" -Romans 5:10

No Condemnation

"There is now **no condemnation** for those who are in Christ Jesus." -Romans 8:1

Son

"Understand, then, that those who believe are **children of Abraham**." -Galatians 3:7

Slave to Righteousness

"I put this in human terms because you are weak in your natural selves. Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to **righteousness** leading to holiness." -Ro 6:19

Accused

*"Now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from **accusation**." -Col 1:22*

Under Law

*"Sin shall not be your **master**, because you are not under law, but under **grace**." -Romans 6:14*

Under Judgment

*"The gift of God is not like the result of the one man's sin: The **judgment** followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought **justification**." -Rom 5:16*

Under a Curse

*"Christ redeemed us from the **curse** of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: 'Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.'" -Gal 3:13*

Under Wrath

*"All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of **wrath**." -Eph 2:3*

In Darkness

*"You were once **darkness**, but now you are **light** in the Lord. Live as children of light." -Eph 5:8*

Blameless

*"Now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and **free** from **accusation**." -Col 1:22*

Under Grace

*"Sin shall not be your **master**, because you are not under law, but under **grace**." -Romans 6:14*

Justified

*"The gift of God is not like the result of the one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought **justification**." -Rom 5:16*

Redeemed from the Curse

"Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: 'Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.'" -Gal 3:13

Free from Wrath

*"Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be **saved** from God's **wrath** through him!" -Romans 5:9*

In the Light

*"You were once **darkness**, but now you are **light** in the Lord. Live as children of light." -Eph 5:8*

"And we pray this... that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.... In whom [Christ] we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him." -Colossians 1:10-16