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My Identity in Christ (Part II)

Satan wants to steal my true identity.

In Christ . . .

I. I Am <u>Completely Accepted</u>

But you are a **chosen** race . . .

1 Peter 2:9a

A. Because God chose me before everything.

even as he **chose** us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him . . . Ephesians 1:4a

B. Because Jesus made me acceptable.

but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), Acts 10:35-36

II. I Am Extremely Valuable

... a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession ... 1 Peter 2:9b

"For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth." Deuteronomy 7:6

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A. Because God is my Father.

"Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds!" Luke 12:24

B. Because Jesus gave His Life for me.

who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. Titus 2:14

III. I Am Eternally Loved

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people . . .

1 Peter 2:10a

... I have loved you with an everlasting love ... Jeremiah 31:3b

A. Because God is love.

For the LORD is good; **his steadfast love endures forever**, and his faithfulness to all generations. Psalm 100:5

IV. I Am Totally Forgiven

... once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. 1 Peter 2:10b

A. Because God's nature is to forgive.

"I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins." Isaiah 43:25

B. Because Jesus paid for my sins.

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, Ephesians 1:7

V. I Am Fully Capable

'to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.' Acts 26:18

A. Because Christ lives in me.

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13

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