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THE OLD IS GONE.

"WE KNOW THAT OUR OLD SELF WAS CRUCIFIED WITH HIM IN ORDER THAT THE BODY OF SIN MIGHT BE BROUGHT TO NOTHING, SO THAT WE WOULD NO LONGER BE ENSLAVED TO SIN." -ROMANS 6:6

In order to step into our God given Identity that is found only in Jesus, we must know that our old self is gone. We are not the same as we used to be. We were dead in our sins but now we are alive in Christ.

One of the hardest things that Christians tend to struggle with is holding on to the shame of their past.

God's Word calls us to forget what is behind as we move forward in our new life with Christ. While this can be difficult for some, it is necessary to fully live into the new creation that God has granted you in your salvation.

Jesus died for us so that we could have life, and life in abundance. If we are able to let go of our past and walk in newness of life, I believe that God will begin to do amazing things in and through our lives.

"Being a Christian is more than just an instantaneous conversion - it is a daily process whereby you grow to be more and more like Christ." - Billy Graham



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LOVED

ROMANS 5:8 / 1 JOHN 4:9-10
1 JOHN 3:1 / ROMANS 5:5
JEREMIAH 31:3 / JOHN 3:16
PSALMS 136:26 / EPHESIANS 2:4-5

The Bible is clear that God loves His people. He loves you so much that He sent His Son Jesus to die for your sins. No matter what the world says about you, the truth is that you are loved. Some might say, how can anyone love me after what I've done? Well the truth is that God's love is different from our human love, He loves us unconditionally. No matter what you have done, God's love has not been altered.

CHOSEN

1 PETER 2:9 / EPHESIANS 1:4-5
JOHN 15:16 / DEUTERONOMY 7:6
MATTHEW 22:14 / ROMANS 8:29

Chosen; a word that means selected or marked for favor or special privilege by Webster's dictionary. God has shown favor to you, for reasons that we can not humanly explain, other than that it was God's will to do so. When we realize that we have been chosen before the foundation of the world, we can see that we were chosen not based on our own merit but only by the will of God. What an incredible thing to be chosen by the God of the universe.

FORGIVEN

PSALMS 32:5 / EPHESIANS 4:32
1 JOHN 1:9 / ISAIAH 43:25-26
EPHESIANS 1:7 / HEBREWS 10:17
DANIEL 9:9 / PSALMS 103:12

C.S. Lewis says, "To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you". God has truly forgiven the inexcusable sin in your life and He remembers it no more. We need to believe this in order to live into the identity that God has given us. God says that you are forgiven and forgiven is what you are.

CHILD OF GOD

GALATIANS 3:26 / ROMANS 8:14
2 CORINTHIANS 6:18 / GALATIANS 4:7
JOHN 1:12

Jesus taught the disciples to pray by addressing God as "our Father". This was a bold statement at the time because the Jewish people would not call God something so personal as "Father". But the truth is that God is a personal God who calls us His children. Not only that, but the Bible says that He has adopted us and chosen us as His children. This comes with His love, provision, protection, and even inheritance.



REDEEMED

EPHESIANS 1:7 / GALATIANS 3:13
ISAIAH 44:22 / 1 CORINTHIANS 1:30
PSALMS 111:9 / ROMANS 5:10

Redemption in this sense is not one that we can do on our own, it is only done through the work of Jesus. If you have put your faith in Jesus then you can have confidence that God has redeemed you. Redemption has this feeling of renewal from something broken to being made whole and that is exactly what Jesus has done for you. This realization that you have been redeemed should spark a sense of gratitude and fresh excitement to live into our identity in Christ.

JUSTIFIED

ROMANS 5:1 / TITUS 3:7
1 CORINTHIANS 6:11 / ROMANS 5:9
GALATIANS 2:16-17 / ROMANS 4:25

R.C. Sproul says, "True faith will inevitably manifest itself in the performance of works of obedience... The performance of works are the result of faith and the fruit of justification." What he means by this is that you have been made right with God by what God has done, not what you have done. When we realize this, we begin to do good works because of the realization of our justification coming from God. It is not our works that justify us, only in Jesus.



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SPIRIT COMES ON YOU; AND YOU WILL BE MY
WITNESSES IN JERUSALEM, AND IN
ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA, AND
TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH."**

ACTS 1:8