

MY INHERITANCE AND IDENTITY IN CHRIST

The benefits and blessings bestowed upon us as redeemed children of God are more numerous than we can count. But the following list, taken directly from Scripture, is surely an impressive sampling. I don't recall where I came across this particular list or who gave it to me. It's been in my study notes for years. I just know I love it, and I share it with you, hoping it will give you great confidence and encouragement in Christ.

- I am a child of God (John 1:12)
- I have peace with God (Rom. 5:1)
- The Holy Spirit lives in me (1 Cor. 3:16)
- I have access to God's wisdom (Jas. 1:5)
- I am helped by God (Heb. 4:16)
- I am reconciled to God (Rom.5:11)
- I am not condemned by God (Rom. 8:1)
- I am justified (Rom.5:1)
- I have Christ's righteousness (Rom. 5:19; 2 Cor. 5:21)
- I am Christ's ambassador (2 Cor. 5:20)
- I am completely forgiven (Col. 1:14)
- I am tenderly loved by God (Jer. 31:3)
- I am the sweet fragrance of Christ to God (2 Cor. 2:15)
- I am a temple in which God dwells (1 Cor. 3:16)
- I am blameless and beyond reproach (Col. 1:22)
- I am the salt of the earth (Matt. 5:13)
- I am the light of the world (Matt. 5:14)
- I am a branch on Christ's vine (John 15:1,5)
- I am Christ's friend (John 15:5)
- I am chosen by Christ to bear fruit (John 15:6)
- I am a joint heir with Christ, sharing his inheritance with him (Rom. 8:17)
- I am united to the Lord, one spirit with him (1 Cor. 6:17)
- I am a member of Christ's body (1 Cor. 12:27)

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- I am a saint (Eph. 1:1)
- I am hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3)
- I am chosen by God, holy and dearly loved (Col. 3:12)
- I am a child of the light (1 Thess. 5:5)
- I am holy, and I share in God's heavenly calling (Heb. 3:1)
- I am sanctified (Heb. 2:11)
- I am one of God's living stones, being built up in Christ as a spiritual house (1 Pet. 2:5)
- I am a member of a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession and created to sing his praises (1 Pet. 2:9-10)
- I am firmly rooted and built up in Christ (Col. 2:7)
- I am born of God, and the evil one cannot touch me (1 John 5:18)
- I have the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:16)
- I may approach God with boldness, freedom, and confidence (Eph. 3:12)
- I have been rescued from Satan's domain and transferred into the kingdom of Christ (Col. 1:13)
- I have been made complete in Christ (Col. 2:10). • I have been given a spirit of power, love, and self-discipline (2 Tim. 1:7)
- I have been given great and precious promises by God (2 Pet. 1:4)
- My needs are met by God (Phil. 4:19)
- I am a prince (princess) in God's kingdom (John 1:12; 1 Tim. 6:15)
- I have been bought with a price, and I belong to God (1 Cor. 6:19,20)
- I have been adopted as God's child (Eph. 1:5)
- I have direct access to God through the Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:18)
- I am assured that all things are working together for good (Rom. 8:28)
- I am free from any condemning charges against me (Rom. 8:31).
- I cannot be separated from the love of God (Rom. 8:35).

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- I have been established, anointed, and sealed by God (2 Cor. 1:21,22).
- I am confident that the good work that God has begun in me will be perfected (Phil. 1:6).
- I am a citizen of heaven (Phil. 3:20).
- I am a personal witness of Christ's (Acts 1:8).
- I am God's coworker (2 Cor. 6:1; 1 Cor. 3:9).
- I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realm (Eph. 2:6).
- I am God's workmanship (Eph. 2:10).
- I can do all things through Christ, who gives me the strength I need (Phil. 4:13).

PRAYER STRATEGIES

Below you'll find some broad guidelines and framework for your prayer strategies. As you craft your prayers, be authentic, personal, and intentional. You can always come to this page for inspiration and help as you seek to remain anchored and strong in your writing.

My hope is that you'll not only emerge from this Bible study with six strategies locked in place but also a habit for intentional prayer that reverberates throughout the rest of your life.

P—PRAISE: Gratitude to God for who He is and what He's already done should thread throughout every prayer, because ultimately His name and His fame are the only reasons any of this matters.

R—REPENTANCE: Expect prayer to expose where you're still resisting Him—not only resisting His commands but resisting the manifold blessings and benefits He gives to those who follow. Line your strategies with repentance: the courage to trust, and turn, and walk His way.

A—ASKING: Make your requests known. Be personal and specific. Write down details of your own issues and difficulties as they relate to the broader issue we discussed in that week of study, as well as how you perhaps see the enemy's hand at work in them or where you suspect he might be aiming next.

Y—YES: "All of God's promises," the Bible says, "have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding 'Yes!'" (2 Cor. 1:20, NLT). You may not understand everything that is happening in your life right now, but any possible explanation pales in comparison to what you do know because of your faith in God's goodness and assurances. So allow your prayer to be accentuated with His own words from Scripture, His promises to you that correspond to your need. There is nothing more powerful than praying God's own Word. Because even at the mention of His name, the enemy buckles in certain defeat.