

Growing followers of Jesus understand and experience their supernatural identity in Christ

Do you know who you are?

John 14:16-20

¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

John 17

²⁰ "I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; ²¹ that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— ²³ I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Jesus described our new identity as The Father in Jesus, Jesus in the Father, The Spirit with us and in us, Jesus in us and us in Jesus: Absolute unity and participation in the Trinity!

Romans 5

¹² Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned—, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men. ¹⁹ For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous...²¹ so that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Every person is born with a status and identity in the first human, Adam. In Adam we are under the bondage of sin and face ultimate condemnation. When we receive the grace of Christ we receive Christ's status and receive a new identity in Christ. In Christ we are under grace, declared righteous and receive eternal life.

Ephesians 1

³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, ⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love ⁵ He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace ⁸ which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight ⁹ He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him ¹⁰ with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth. In Him ¹¹ also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the

counsel of His will, ¹² to the end that we who were the first to hope **in Christ** would be to the praise of His glory. ¹³ **In Him**, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed **in Him** with the Holy Spirit of promise,

In Christ we are blessed with every spiritual blessing. We are blessed by the Father, by the Son and by the Holy Spirit.

Romans 6

³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized **into Christ Jesus** were baptized **into his death**? ⁴ 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. ⁵ For if we have been **united with him** in a death like his, we will certainly also be **united with him** in a resurrection like his. ⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified **with him** so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— ⁷ because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we died **with Christ**, we believe that we will also live **with him**

Colossians 2-3

¹⁰ and **in Him** you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority; ¹¹ and **in Him** you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ; ¹² having been buried **with Him** in baptism, in which you were also raised up **with Him** through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. ¹³ When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together **with Him**, having forgiven us all our transgressions, ¹⁴ having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. ¹⁵ When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them **through Him...**Therefore since you have been raised up **with Christ**, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. ³ For

you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

Ephesians 2

⁴But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive **with Christ** even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up **with Christ** and seated us **with him** in the heavenly realms **in Christ Jesus**,

We have been united with Christ in His death, resurrection and seating. We fully participate in Christ's supernatural life. His life is our life.

Galatians 2:20

²⁰ I have been crucified **with Christ** and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

We are no longer the same people, Christ now lives in us and we live by faith in Christ

- 1. Identity determines destiny
- 2. We are in Christ and Christ is in us
- 3. We have Christ's spiritual life and authority