## Your Godly identity

Your identity is not rooted in who you are but who Jesus is and what the Bible says you are!

John 1:12-13 'But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.'

As a believer in Jesus Christ, who is your Lord and Saviour, you are a child of the most High God, bought and paid for by the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, when he died on the cross at Calvary.

What a price you are worth!

You may not see your worth or true value because how you see yourself now was formed through traumatic experiences in your childhood. You may believe lies about yourself, blame yourself or even walk in guilt. You may even associate your worth with your performance; the jobs/tasks you do and/or the service you do for God or man. But these things don't define you and they don't make you who you are! Living life like this will be exhausting and frustrating for you and it will even prevent you walking in the fullness of life that Jesus purchased for you.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

You have a new life in Jesus Christ, old things have passed away: you are a new creation. Praise Jesus!

To fully embrace that scripture promise in 2 Corinthians 5:17 you need to understand where you are currently operating from:

You are a triune being; you are a spirit that has a soul and lives in a body. Your Spirit is perfect and fused with the Power of the Holy Spirit but your Soul, which is your mind, will and emotions, is where those traumatic or hurtful life experiences are stored, along with brokenness, rejection, worry, doubt, and anger etc. The problem we have is that our soul still remembers and operates from these places, even though the trauma, situation or circumstance happened many years ago.

In your Christian walk with the Lord, the Holy Spirit may recall a memory that needs healing or a situation that needs bringing to the cross of Jesus so you

can achieve His perfect healing. It's doing a divine exchange with those painful memories, hurts or disappointments where He gives you the complete opposite of what happened. He reformats memories, removes the sting and pain then brings you to a place of healing and peace.

With regards to the flesh the Bible tells us not to 'gratify the desires of the flesh' we are instead to 'Walk in the Spirit' (Galatians 5:16) as we have been crucified with Jesus. Easier said than done I know! But if submit and surrender each area of hurt or brokenness to the Lord, or each ungodly desire on a moment by moment basis, he can and will heal and restore us to a place of wholeness.

This is a process and such a beautiful part of our journey with the Lord - but it's not a destination! We are to changing from glory to glory. Jesus wants you to take hold of your new identity in Him, knowing that He's paid the full price for you to be free in soul and body. You don't wait to be healed, and needing healing doesn't prevent you walking in that newness of life, it just means you (& me) need to rely on the Grace of God a lot more! It's all about him and not us! Its Jesus' performance not ours - the pressure is OFF - Alleluia!

It doesn't matter about your past; God forgives you and remembers your sins no more through repentance. You are not disqualified – you are qualified into a relationship with the Father – no strings attached and He loves you!

The bible tells us the Lord rejoices over you with joy and He exults over you in singing! Zephaniah 3:17. You are loved, adored and cherished - receive it!

## <u>Prayer</u>

Father-God, I ask you to remove any walls that stand between me and you, especially those walls that prevent me hearing your voice.

I also ask You to remove the walls that block me from knowing my true identity in You. I ask for revelation, insight and clarity to see myself the way You see me.

I ask the Spirit of Truth to reveal those places that need a healing touch from my Saviour or where lies need to be uprooted. (Repent and renounce any lies you've believed about yourself and ask God to forgive you if necessary)

I lay down all false guilt, and all working to be accepted because I am accepted already by the Most High God! My worth is not in what I can do but what Jesus has done for me.

I thank you Lord that you take all my imperfections and make them perfect through Jesus Christ.

Today I am choosing to believe:

That my identity is rooted in Jesus Christ and not in me

That I am unique and made in your image

That God's love for me is unconditional - there are no strings attached

That I can call You Abba Father

That God has a mighty plan for my life, a Godly destiny, dreams and visions to advance the Kingdom of God.

Lord I am ready to embrace my new identity and I want to enjoy being a new creation in Christ Jesus – please teach me your ways. Holy Spirit empower me and anoint me for all that I need to be.

In Jesus name I pray! Amen.

## Meditate on the following scriptures about what the Bible says you are!

- I am able to do all things through Christ who strengthens and empowers me Phil. 4:13
- I am alive with Christ Galatians 2:20
- I am a friend of Jesus John 15:15
- ♣ I am an ambassador for Christ 2 Corinthians 5:20
- ▲ I belong to God John 17:9
- ▲ I can be sure that God can take care of everything I need Philippians- 4:19
- ♣ God did not give me a spirit of fear, but of power love and a sound mind - 2 Tim. 1:7

- I am born again 1 Peter 1;23
- ♣ I am a child of God John 1:12
- I am clothed with Christ Galatians 3:27
- ♣ I am comforted 2 Corinthians 1:4-5
- I am empowered to obey Philippians 2:13
- ♣ My eyes are fixed on Jesus Hebrews 12:2

- I am filled with the fruit of righteousness Philippians 1:11
- I am filled with the fruit of the Spirit Galatians 5:22-23
- I am confident He will never leave me nor forsake me Hebrews 13:5,6
- ◀ You, O Lord, are a shield about me. You hold my head high Psalm 3:3
- I am confident that God hears me 1 John 5:14
- I am made alive with Christ Ephesians 2:5

- I am no longer a slave to sin Romans 6:6
- ♣ I am His Isaiah 43:1
- I am indwelt by His Spirit Romans 8:11
- I am in scribed on the palms of His hands Isaiah 49:16
- I have obtained an inheritance Ephesians 1:11
- I am laying aside the old self Ephesians 4:22-24
- I am living for Him 2 Corinthians 5:15
- I am given His magnificent promises 2 Peter 1:3-4
- I am a joint heir with Christ Romans 8:17

- ♣ I am kept 1 Peter 1:5
- I have no condemnation Romans 8:1

- I will run and not faint Isaiah 40:31
- I am an overcomer 1 John 5:4-5
- ♣ I am a partaker of grace Philippians 1:7
- I am a partaker of the promise in Christ Ephesians 3:6
- ♣ I have abundant life John 10:10
- ♣ I am safe Psalm 4:8
- ♣ My steps are established by the Lord Psalm 37:23
- ♣ I am standing firm in Christ 2 Corinthians 1:21
- ₹ You have turned my mourning into joyful dancing Psalm 30:11
- I will sing praises to you and not be silent Psalm 30:11
- I am the temple of the living God 1 Corinthians 3:16
- I am valued Matthew 6:26
- I am yielded to God Romans 6:13
- ♣ The Father Himself loves me John 16:27
- ♣ The Lord is my rock and my salvation Psalm 62:1-2
- I am useful for His glory Isaiah 43:7
- My prayers go up before God Revelations 8:4
- I am reigning in life Romans 5:17
- ♣ I am His special possession 1 Peter 1: 18-19
- **♣** God is my provider Matthew 6:33
- He takes us to the high places of blessing in Him Ephesians 1:3-4
- I have peace with God Romans 5:1
- I am controlled by the love of Christ 2 Corinthians 5:14
- I am the fragrance of His knowledge 2 Corinthians 2: 14-15
- I am seated in heavenly places Ephesians 2:6
- ♣ I trust in the Lord Psalm 37:3
- I hear the voice of the Lord John 10:27
- ♣ I bless the Lord who guides me Psalm 16:7
- I am beautiful Isaiah 61:10