

Our True ID in Christ - 4

Last week we looked at Ps 139:13-16 and had a glimpse of how much we matter to God in the way he knew us before conception and made us wonderfully complex and God knew every day of our lives before we started living it.

We are God's masterpiece Eph 2:10 - *It is God himself who has made us what we are and given us new lives from Christ Jesus; and long ages ago he planned that we should spend these lives in helping others.*

We are God's masterpiece because He made us. We belong to Jesus and have been from the beginning of time when He created us in His image and his likeness and breathed his life into us. We are God's show case masterpiece. God delights in showing us off, in displaying us as his precious chosen valuable masterpiece. Think about that! Masterpiece - a work of outstanding artistry, skill, or workmanship. Wow! that is who you are. Tell your neighbour that.

You are no cheap skate down trodden gutter living tramp, no! you are a work of outstanding artistry and workmanship. Never belittle your self.

Learn to train your mind by aligning your thinking and your heart to declare through your mouth who you really are in Christ

We are blessed with every spiritual blessing in Christ Eph 1:3 *How we praise God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every blessing in heaven because we belong to Christ. God has blessed us with every blessing or spiritual blessing in heaven simply because you belong to Jesus, not because of anything else but simply because of Jesus.*

Therefore we know that these blessings cannot be earned or bought because it comes to anyone who has Jesus Christ in the centre of their lives having declared Him the Lord of their lives. When you are in Christ you have every spiritual blessing. What are these blessings and what do they do for us?

The word *blessing* in Eph 1:3 is a translation of the Greek word *eulogy*, and it means "to speak well of." Since it's God speaking, we can say that God has spoken good things about us, or pronounced good things for our benefit.

So what are these good things? see Eph 1:4-13 and some of these blessings are there.

In Vs 4 **God chose us to be His very own** - (NLT) *Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes.*

God has chosen to make us holy and blameless, and all because of His love, His good pleasure, and His grace (verse 4)

It was God's choice. You are God's choice! He chose you. Yes! that's right. Let it sink in. What a blessing that God chose us before the world began and died for our sin when we were dead in our sins and made us alive in Him. God chose to extend His grace to us and offer us salvation. Bible tells us that salvation comes by his grace - cannot earn it. It is given. This is

even more amazing when we realize that He made that decision before sin even entered into the world. Hallelujah! are you not excited by what Jesus Christ has done?

The next blessing (v5)—**our adoption as His children**. Not only has God chosen us to be made holy, but He grants us full status as His children, with all the benefits contained in that. John 1:12 says, “As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.”

Believing in the gospel of Jesus Christ and receiving Jesus into our lives gives us full status to be called son or daughter of God. That gives us all the rights and privileges of our Heavenly Father and His kingdom.

Vs 6 says we **have been accepted / belong in the beloved**. When we put on Christ, the Father sees His loveliness when He looks at us. The blood of Christ has taken away the guilt of our sins, and we stand before the Father as perfectly accepted.

We are not condemned but we are accepted in Jesus Christ our Lord and God delights in us. So what's your ID now in Christ? a son of God, daughter of God.

We are redeemed through his blood (vs7 ERV) *In Christ we are made free by his blood sacrifice. We have forgiveness of sins because of God's rich grace.* Redemption speaks of buying one's freedom, paying a ransom. The price for our sins, the payment to buy us out of eternal condemnation, was fully paid by the blood of Christ. In Christ, we are no longer slaves to sin, but we become slaves to God. Therefore the bible tells us to glorify God in our body and in your spirit which belongs to Him (1Cor 6:20) because you have been bought with a price.

We have forgiveness of sins. It is closely related to redemption, but looks at the other side of the coin. In paying the ransom (sum of money demanded to release a captive) for our sins, the debt of sin was cancelled, and we were forgiven. We no longer have the burden of guilt for violating God's holy laws.

The next blessing is **knowing the mystery of His will (Vs8)** we don't know everything now but one day we will understand and know the complete mystery hidden in Christ Jesus but for now God has given us sufficient wisdom and insight to understand somethings as it says in Vs 9-11 *God has now revealed to us his mysterious will regarding Christ—which is to fulfil his own good plan. 10 And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth.*

All we have to do is align ourselves to his perfect plan for our lives. Let your kingdom come Lord and your will be done in my life.

The next blessing promised is the **inheritance that is given to us through Christ (v11)** *Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan.* What is included in that inheritance? It says in 1Cor 2:9 (NLT) “*But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him*”.

The riches of glory, the presence of God, the eternal home – these don't even scratch the surface of all the blessings that belong to our inheritance.

Q : Do you know who you are in Christ? Can you see your true identity that has been given freely for you?

Now it is up to you to walk in your God given identity and not listen to the lies of the enemy who seeks to steal and tarnish your ID. Your ID is in the blood of Jesus Christ and no devil or demon has access to that!