

WHO YOU REALLY ARE



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Do your thoughts tell you you're rubbish or do the words and actions of other people make you think that way? Do you feel that you lack confidence? Wouldn't it be wonderful to find out that you are amazingly special? Well you are. God made you to be His child and wants you to find out who you really are in Him. God says you are not rubbish – He says you are special.

Instead of You

You are so special that Jesus took all the punishment you deserve and suffered it instead of you. You might think you're not bad enough to deserve punishment, but no-one lives a perfect life. God is perfect and He

hates the things people think, say and do which are wrong – that is sin. He can't pretend it doesn't matter and sweep it under the carpet. You wouldn't want Him to do that when you think of all the wicked things that happen in the world. He wants sin to be punished, but He loves people so much that He doesn't want to have to punish them. Sounds like a catch 22. But God found a way.

When Jesus died on the Cross 2000 years ago, He suffered the punishment for every sin, past, present and future. So when you accept Jesus as your Lord and Saviour and are born-again, you receive God's forgiveness for all your sins absolutely free. Justice was done on the Cross – every sin, past, present and future, was punished, but you didn't suffer the punishment – Jesus did instead of you. And that means you are free

to become God's child and know Him as your perfect Father. That is amazing love! (To read about being born-again go to the end of this booklet.)

Who You Really Are

Below are twenty statements taken from Bible verses and if you are born-again, they are true of you. Seeing yourself the way God sees you is really significant and will help you in every area of your life. God wants you to be sure of who you are, as a result of all Jesus has done for you. The statements do not describe what you are like, but who you actually are. When you've been born-again, who you are isn't about what you do or what happens to you anymore. It is about who God says you are. Most people base their identity on who they think they are, or on

who they think other people think they are. But it doesn't bring them peace. It is only as you really believe that the real you is found in Jesus alone, that you can have real peace and true confidence.

I have adapted the Bible verses slightly so that they are about you as you read them. Read these statements out loud and declare the truth of who you really are now, and choose to believe them. It's not to make you puffed up, but to help you to be humbly sure of yourself in Jesus – who you really are.

20 'Who I Really Am' Statements

Because I have received Jesus and believed in His name, God has given me the right to be His child.

(John 1:12)

People are always talking about rights in the media, but as a Christian, you have the most wonderful right of all – that of being God's child.

I am a child of God, through faith in Christ Jesus.

(Galatians 3:26)

God wanted you to be His child so much, that He gave you the gift of faith which you could use to believe in Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, and so become His child.

I have received the Spirit of adoption, so I can call God, “Abba! Father!”

(Romans 8:15b)

In Biblical times, only really rich people formally adopted children because it cost a lot of money. And they only paid the price for a child they really wanted. Jesus paid with His life so God could adopt you – that’s how special you are – that’s how much He loves you and wanted you to be part of His family.

Because I am a child, I am an heir: an heir of God and a joint heir with Christ.

(Romans 8:17a)

It is usually the children who inherit from their parents. Because you are a child of God, you are His heir. Everything He has is yours – all the blessings, all the victory, and life with Him as a member of His family for eternity. You share that privilege with Jesus!

I am a new creation. The old things have passed away. Behold, all things have become new.

(2 Corinthians 5:17)

When you were born-again, God gave you a brand-new perfect spirit. It can never be corrupted or spoilt. The old has gone, the new has come. You can't feel your spirit – choose to believe it has been made new and you will find it's true.

I am a temple of God, and God's Spirit lives in me.

(1 Corinthians 3:16)

In the Old Testament, God's presence was in the tabernacle, and then in the temple when it was built in Jerusalem. But now you are His temple and He lives in you by His Holy Spirit.

I am joined to the Lord and am one spirit with Him.

(1 Corinthians 6:17)

Your new spirit is one with the Lord – it can be united with His Holy Spirit because He has made it perfect.

As Jesus is, even so am I in this world.

(1 John 4:17b)

Your spirit is not in the process of changing or developing. It is perfect, and in your spirit you are just like Jesus right now on earth. Think about this amazing truth and praise God.

Jesus doesn't call me a servant, for a servant doesn't know what his lord does. But He has called me His friend, for everything that He heard from His Father, He has made known to me.

(John 15:15)

God has shared His all with you. He has opened your eyes so you can understand all His mysteries because you are so special to Him. He has done it because you are not a servant, but a friend – the friend of Jesus Himself!

I am God's workmanship.

(Ephesians 2:10a)

You are the very handiwork of God. He created people from the earth, moulding them with His own hands to be loved by Him.

I am a child of light and a child of the day.

(1 Thessalonians 5:5)

God is not ashamed of you – He wants you to live in His light for all the world to see.

I am a member of God's chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. I belong to God.

(1 Peter 2:9)

God has chosen you to be set apart as His special child – a member of His family with all the privileges that come with that, including royalty and holiness.

I am an individual member in the body of Christ.

(1 Corinthians 12:27)

You are an individual member of Christ's church here on earth. You are significant and you fit perfectly into the place God has created especially for you.

I am the salt of the earth.

(Matthew 5:13a)

You are so significant as God's child that you are able to make a difference in the world –

you can preserve the good, you can melt the hard heart, you can have the victory over evil and you can improve the flavour of people and situations around you.

I am the light of the world.

(Matthew 5:14a)

Because Jesus shines in you, you light up the world and make it possible for people to see the truth and find their way to Jesus.

I am Christ's ambassador.

(2 Corinthians 5:20a)

Ambassadors represent someone important. They don't hide away trying to melt into the background. They make sure that they do the work they are asked to do in a way which is faithful to the person they represent. You are an ambassador of Christ, of Jesus. Hold your head up as you live your life – God has chosen you to represent Him wherever you go.

The LORD has made me the head, and not the tail.

(Deuteronomy 28:13)

This was one of the blessings of keeping the law in the Old Testament, but Jesus did away with the law, and people don't have to earn God's blessings anymore. Now all the blessings can be yours because Jesus died in your place. The tail has to follow where the head leads. You do not have to be dragged around by someone or something else wherever they want you to go. You are the head and in Jesus can set your own course.

I am God's fellow worker.

(1 Corinthians 3:9a)

God has chosen you to work with Him – what a privilege! He wants you to share in what He does – that's how significant and important you are to Him.

I am more than a conqueror through Him who loves me.

(Romans 8:37)

It doesn't matter what you are facing, you can come through it because you belong to Jesus and He has won the victory over it for you. You are a conqueror over anything that tries to harm or depress you – in fact you are more than a conqueror!

I am a citizen of heaven.

(Philippians 3:20a)

Jesus has prepared a place for you to live with Him forever in heaven and He has given you citizenship of heaven in advance – that's how sure He is of His love for you and His desire to have you with Him always.

Declare it and Believe it and Receive it

When your own thoughts make you feel worthless or useless or ordinary, refuse to listen to them. Whenever you hear or read or see anything that makes you feel that way, make a decision right then not to take it on board. God wants to build you up – He wants you to know that you are His own beloved child. In Zechariah 2:8 He describes His people as – *‘the apple of His eye.’* This means He cherishes us above all else. That’s special.

Whenever anything negative comes to knock you back, go back to these statements and tell yourself the truth of who you really are again. Decide to believe them – it is only as you do believe them that you will find

that they are true. They will help you to live the wonderful life that God wants you to live – the best life possible, humbly knowing that it is all because of Jesus. He said in John 10:10 – *“I came that they may have life, and may have it abundantly.”*

When you’ve been born-again, who you really are isn’t about what you look like, who your parents are, what sort of education you had, what job you do or don’t do, how much money you’ve got, whether you’re single, married or divorced, any disabilities or limitations you have, what experiences you’ve been through, how healthy you are or how intelligent you are. Who you really are is who God says you are because Jesus died in your place.

Declare the truth of who you are, believe the truth of who you are and receive the truth

of who you are. And give thanks to Jesus who has made it all possible.

Being Born-Again

When you acknowledge Jesus as God and decide to follow Him, you make Him your Lord. When you accept His sacrifice on the Cross for yourself personally, you make Him your Saviour. You are then born-again and have a new perfect spirit. God becomes your Father and you His child, and you can start to enjoy your personal love relationship with Him.

Romans 10:9 says – *‘If you will confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.’* Tell God you are sorry for the wrong things you do, say and think. Choose to believe that Jesus is Lord, that He died for you and is now alive. Accept Him as your Lord and Saviour. Say it with your voice and believe it in your heart.

If you’ve done that sincerely, you are now born-again and Jesus has come to live in you. Everything you’ve ever done wrong or ever will do wrong is forgiven, and after this life is over, you’ll live in peace and joy with your loving Father God for ever.

As a child of God, you now have a whole new family of brothers and sisters. Tell a trusted Christian that you are now born-again so they can help you in your new life in Jesus.

And you have the Bible to help you understand and experience more of God's love for you and all Jesus has done and won for you. It will help you to live your life in the best possible way – His way.

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Who do you think you are?

The world says that the job you have
or don't have is who you are,
or the kind of education you had,
or how much money you have.
God doesn't see you that way –
He loves you just as you are.

You become the real you when you become His child.

Find out how special you really are.

Find out the truth of how special you really are.



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