

Our Identity In Christ Jesus

Ephesians 2:4-7

4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,
5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—**6** and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, **7** so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

1. Christ's sacrifice has changed our condition, from spiritual death to life.

But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, **Christ died** for us.

Justifying us by His blood

Saving us from the wrath of God

Reconciling us to God (Rom. 5:8-10; Matt. 27:46)

Peter declares: "This Jesus God raised up, and of that we are all witnesses."
(Acts 2:32)

2. In Christ we have been elevated to a new position.

Adoption as sons through Jesus Christ (Eph. 1:5)

Inheritance (heirs with Christ) (Eph. 1:11)

3. In Christ Jesus our new position comes with rich blessings.

Relationship with God, the Father, Jesus Christ our Advocate, The Holy Spirit our Helper, eternal life in heaven, fellowship with family of believers.....

4. Trials and suffering will come. ((John 15:18-20; James 1:2,3)

5. Application

What is the roaring lion scaring you with?

What do you fear losing by living fully for Christ (status, financial provision, physical safety, etc.)?

What deceitful messages is the enemy rehearsing in mind?

What scriptures will you use along with prayer to remind yourself of God's love and immeasurable great power on your behalf?

How are you teaching your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews about God's love, mercy and grace versus emphasizing the law?

How are you preparing them and new believers for trials and suffering that will come?