

Your Identity in Christ: I am Perfect in Christ!

If you are not grounded in your identity in Christ, you might be on the search for identity, significance and value in some avenues outside of Christ. For example, a good number of Christians, even those who have been around for a long while find their identity in what they do rather than who they are. They might see life with this perspective:

Identity = Performance + Opinions of People

This source of identity is based on what you do and what other people say about you. That has validity in terms of what you have experienced in life but you need to embrace a Biblical perspective of who you are. Here's what God offers in a relationship with Him:

Identity = Who you are *in Christ*

With this perspective, the most important thing about you is no longer about you. It's about Jesus. The pressure to perform is off. You have freedom to make mistakes. You have freedom to be yourself.

God's desire is to use what's in you to bless the world around you.

Looking at 2 Corinthians 5:21, you can see just how good you really are.

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)

Notice the second phrase: *So that in Him, we might become the righteousness of God.*

Now we're ready for the contrast of what God says about us before and after being saved.

Before Christ:

You were by nature, a sinner who was targeted for God's wrath. Ephesians 2:3
That's the worst thing that anyone could ever say about you.

In Christ:

You are holy, without blemish, free from accusation. Colossians 1:22
That's the best thing that anyone could ever say about you.

You are perfect in Christ. You are no longer an object of God's wrath because you have received God's grace. You are perfect. In the eyes of God, you are perfect. From the perspective of the God of the Bible who is holy, righteous, wise, perfect in all His ways and never wrong in His assessment about people.... In HIS perspective, you are perfect.

The Great Exchange: All your bad stuff is exchanged for the perfection of Jesus. Not only that but all your good stuff which falls way short of God's perfect holiness – all of that was exchanged for the righteousness of Jesus.

We have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ – Rom 5:1

It's just as if you had never sinned. It's just as if you were as perfect as Jesus.