



WHO AM I

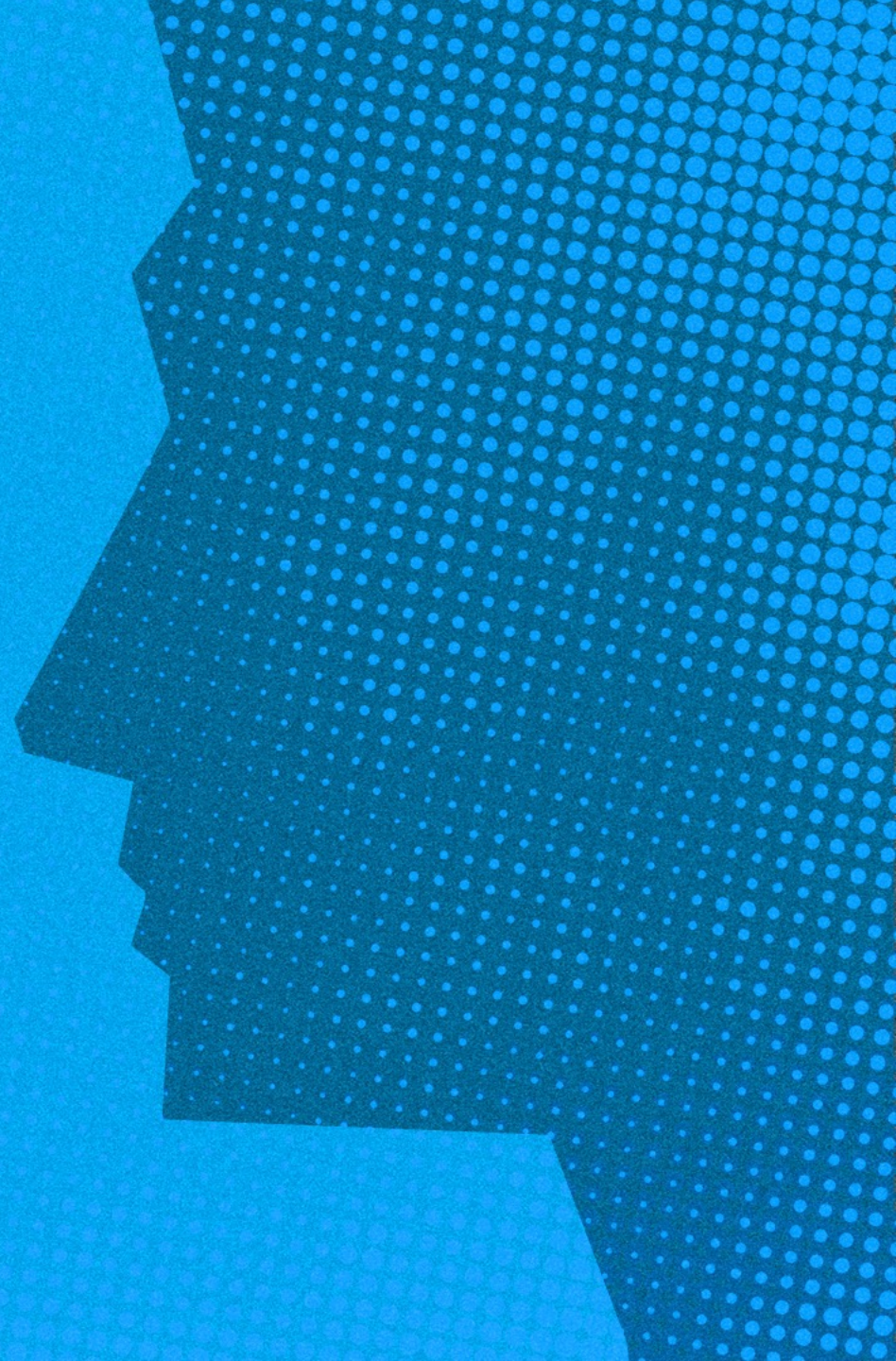
DISCOVERING OUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST

“We sing the (beautiful) praise chorus, ‘It’s all about you, Jesus.’ Who are we kidding? It’s all about Jesus—as long as it’s in a service I like, in a building I like, with people I like, with music I like, for a length of time I like. At some point in this generation, ‘Take up your cross and follow me’ changed into, ‘Come to Jesus and he’ll make your life better.’”

**Misreading Scripture Through
Western Eyes, p.195**

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1. Find our identity in the cross



Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me.”

Luke 9:23

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If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.

Luke 9:24

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If you want to be my disciple, you must, by comparison, hate everyone else—your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple. And if you do not carry your own cross and follow me, you cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:26-27

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I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20

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For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.

Romans 6:4

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2. Find our identity in the word of God

Jesus said to the people who believed in him, “You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

John 8:31-32

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The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

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Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

John 15:3-4

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The members of the council were amazed when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, for they could see that they were ordinary men with no special training in the Scriptures. They also recognized them as men who had been with Jesus.

Acts 4:13

**So you also are complete
through your union with
Christ**

Colossians 2:10

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3. Find our identity in God's love



So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.

John 13:34-35

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**But I say, love your enemies!
Pray for those who persecute
you! In that way, you will be
acting as true children of your
Father in heaven.**

Matthew 5:44-45

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**4. Find our
identity as
citizens of
heaven**



All these people died still believing what God had promised them. They did not receive what was promised, but they saw it all from a distance and welcomed it. They agreed that they were foreigners and nomads here on earth.

Hebrews 11:13

But they were looking for a better place, a heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Hebrews 11:16

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**The world would love you as
one of its own if you
belonged to it, but you are
no longer part of the world.**

John 15:19

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“If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world.”

C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

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Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God.

Colossians 3:1-3

**I am the Creator and you
are my creation. I
breathed into your
nostrils the breath of life**

Genesis 2:7

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**I created you in my own
image**

Genesis 1:27

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**My eyes saw your
unformed substance**

Psalm 139:16

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**I knit you together in your
mother's womb**

Psalm 139:13

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**I know the number of
hairs on your head, and
before a word is on your
tongue I know it**

Matthew 10:30; Psalm 139:4

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**You are fearfully and
wonderfully made**

Psalm 139:14

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**You are more valuable
than many sparrows**

Matthew 10:31

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**I have given you dominion
over all sheep and oxen
and all beasts of the field
and birds of the heavens
and fish of the sea**

Psalm 8:6–8; Genesis 1:26, 28

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**I have crowned you with
glory and honor as the
pinnacle and final act of
the six days of creation**

Psalm 8:5; Genesis 1:26

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However, from the very beginning, you exchanged the truth about me for a lie. You worshiped and served created things rather than me, the Creator

Romans 1:25

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**You have sinned and
fallen short of my glory**

Romans 3:23

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**Just as I said to Adam
and Eve, the penalty for
your sin is death**

Romans 6:23; Genesis 2:17

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**And in your sin, you were
spiritually dead**

Ephesians 2:1

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**You were children of
wrath, living as enemies
to me**

Ephesians 2:3; Romans 5:10

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**You turned aside from
me. You became corrupt.
There is none who does
good, not even one**

Psalm 14:2-3

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**What you deserve is my
righteous judgment**

Psalm 7:11-12

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**And yet, in my great love,
I gave my unique Son,
that all those who believe
in him will not perish but
have everlasting life**

John 3:16

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**While you were still sinners,
Christ died for you. While
you were still hostile toward
me, you were reconciled to
me by the death of my Son**

Romans 5:8, 10

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**Sin doesn't have the last
word. Grace does**

Romans 5:20

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**Now everyone who calls
on the name of Jesus will
be saved**

Romans 10:13

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**You who have believed
are born again**

1 Peter 1:3

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I have adopted you

Ephesians 1:5

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**You are children of God,
heirs of God**

1 John 3:2; Romans 8:16–17

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**You are no longer
orphans. You belong to
me**

John 14:18; 1 Corinthians 6:19

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**And I love you as a
perfect Father**

1 John 3:1; Luke 15:20–24

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**In my eyes, you are a
brand new creation. The
old has passed away; the
new has come**

2 Corinthians 5:17

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**Sin is no longer your
master, for you died to
sin and are now alive to
me**

Romans 6:11; Ephesians 2:4-5

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**You are finally free from
the slavery of sin and
death. There is now no
condemnation for you**

Romans 8:1-2

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All your sins are forgiven

1 John 1:9

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**All your unrighteousness
has been cleansed by the
blood of Jesus**

1 John 1:7, 9

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**You are now righteous in
my sight with the very
righteousness of my
perfect Son**

Romans 4:5

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**You've been saved by
grace**

Ephesians 2:8

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**You've been justified by
faith**

Romans 5:1

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**You are utterly secure in
me; nothing will be able
to separate you from my
love in Christ Jesus**

Romans 8:39

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**No one is able to snatch
you out of my hand**

John 10:29

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**And I will never leave you
nor forsake you**

Hebrews 13:5

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**You not only have a new
Father, but also a new
family of brothers and
sisters**

Luke 8:21

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**You are now part of the
people of God**

1 Peter 2:9

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**And together the life you
now live is by faith in my
Son**

Galatians 2:20

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**Look to Jesus. Keep your
eyes on him. He is the
author and perfecter of
your faith**

Hebrews 12:2

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**Christ is in you by my
Spirit, and you are in
Christ**

John 15:5; Colossians 1:27

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**Stay close to Jesus. Abide
in him**

John 15:4

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**For your life is found in
him**

John 14:6; Colossians 3:3-4

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**To live is Christ, and to
die is gain**

Philippians 1:21

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**Don't live by your own
power or understanding.
No, live by my Spirit
within you**

Zechariah 4:6; Proverbs 3:5

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**Remember, I have given
you the Holy Spirit to be
with you and in you**

Romans 5:5; John 14:17

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**The Spirit will guide you
into all truth, help you to
obey me, and empower
you to do my work**

John 16:7, 13; Acts 1:8; Galatians 5:16

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**As you seek me and see
more of my glory, I am
transforming you into the
image of my Son**

2 Corinthians 3:18; Exodus 33:18

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**One day you will be
changed, in a moment, in
the twinkling of an eye, at
the last trumpet sound**

1 Corinthians 15:52

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**When Jesus appears, you
will be like him, because
you shall see him as he is**

1 John 3:2; Romans 8:29

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**You will be delivered from
your body of death
through Jesus Christ, and
your dwelling place will
be with me**

Romans 7:24–25; John 14:3

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**And I will wipe away every tear
from your eyes, and death
shall be no more, neither
shall there be mourning, nor
crying, nor pain anymore**

Revelation 21:3-4

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**You will drink from the spring
of the water of life without
payment, and I myself will
make for you a feast of rich
food and well-aged wine**

Revelation 21:6; Isaiah 25:6

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**You will enter my rest,
inherit the kingdom I've
prepared for you, and step
into fullness of joy and
pleasures forevermore**

Hebrews 4:9–11; Matthew 25:34; Psalm 16:11

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**But most of all, you will
see my face and be with
me where I am**

Revelation 22:4; John 14:3

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**Therefore, walk in a
manner worthy of your
calling**

Ephesians 4:1

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**You are no longer
darkness, but light in my
Son. Walk as children of
light**

Ephesians 5:8

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**You are the light of the
world, a city set on a hill**

Matthew 5:14

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I have called you

2 Peter 1:3

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I have chosen you

Revelation 17:14

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**You are now a saint, a
servant, a steward, and a
soldier**

**Romans 1:7; Acts 26:16;
1 Peter 4:10; 2 Timothy 2:3**

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**You are a witness and a
worker**

Acts 1:8; Ephesians 2:10

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**Through Jesus you are
victorious**

1 Corinthians 15:57

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**You have a glorious
future**

Romans 8:18

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**You are a citizen of
heaven**

Philippians 3:20

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**You are an ambassador
for my Son**

2 Corinthians 5:20

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