

# MASTERPIECE

## YOU ARE IN CHRIST

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## How to Claim Your New Identity in Christ

### **1. Let GRACE Write the Story of Your PAST.**

1 Corinthians 15:10 "But **by the grace of God I am what I am**, and His grace to me was not without effect."

**You can't change the events of your past, but you can rewrite the headlines.**

Genesis 40:15 Joseph said, "I was kidnapped from my homeland."

Genesis 45:5 Joseph said, "It was God who sent me here."

Romans 4:17-21 "Abraham believed in the God who brings the dead back to life and who creates new things out of nothing. Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping - believing that he would become the father of many nations.

For God had said to him, 'That's how many descendants you will have!' And Abraham's faith did not weaken, even though, at about 100 years of age, he figured his body was as good as dead - and so was Sarah's womb. Abraham never wavered in believing God's promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever He promises."

**Grace edits your past because it changes your PERSPECTIVE.**

Titus 3:7 "Because of His grace **He made us right in His sight** and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life."

**When you let grace write the story of your past, every event can result in redemptive purpose.**

Ephesians 2:8 "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God."

**2. Let FAITH Write the Story of Your PRESENT.**

2 Corinthians 5:7 "For we live by faith, not by sight."

**Faith empowers your present because it obtains  
God's PROMISES.**

Hebrews 11:33 "By faith these people received what  
God had promised them."

James 2:17, 20 "Faith that doesn't show itself by  
good works is no faith at all - it is dead and useless.  
Faith that does not result in good deeds is not real  
faith."

**When you let faith write the story of your present,  
every event can result  
in progress.**

Hebrews 11:1 "**Now faith** is the substance of things  
hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

**It's your daily decisions now that will write the  
story of your life.**

**Luke 22:39 "Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of  
Olives, and His disciples followed  
Him." ("as was His custom").**

**Matthew 9:29 Jesus said, "According to your faith  
let it be done to you."**

**3. Let JESUS Write the Story of Your FUTURE.**

Hebrews 12:2 "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author  
and perfecter of our faith."

Ephesians 3:20 "With God's power working in us, He can do much, much more than anything we can ask or think of."

**Jesus enlarges your future because He gives you HOPE.**

2 Corinthians 10:15 "Having hope, that as your faith is increased, we shall be greatly enlarged."

**When you let Jesus write the story of your future, every event can result in praise and glory to God.**

1 Peter 2:9 "You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light."

Memory Verse: Ephesians 1:11 "It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for... part of the overall purpose He is working out in everything and everyone."

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