

The Father's Workmanship

**Why are we dwelling
on-
'Our Identity in Christ'?**

(#1) Because we rule our lives.

(In Christ, we decide what will happen in many areas of our life.)

(#2) We will cut ourselves short on what is already ours- because we don't know it was ours.

(#3) We will not set our faith on the things that God has available for us - because we didn't know it was available.

2 Timothy 4:2 (NKJV)

2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season.

Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering ("Patience" - NIV) and teaching ("Careful instruction" - NIV).

Ephesians 2:10 (NKJV)

10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

A. "Redeemed"

Galatians 3:13-14 (NIV)

13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole." 14 He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

Titus 2:11-14 (NIV)

11 For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. **12** It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, **13** while we wait for the blessed hope – the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, **14** who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

1 Peter 1:18-19

18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, **19** but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

1. "Redeem" means to "Ransom by paying a specific price".

**2. I am purchased / bought.
I am now owned.**

**(Shown in 1 Corinthians 6:19,
and in the name - 'Lord')**

> My life is not my own.

3. It also means:

'Having once been Deemed to be something / someone – and having lost it – to be Re-Deemed is to be Deemed again and restored to the original state'.

3. To be Redeemed means I am no longer owned by Satan and the Kingdom of Darkness.....

4. To be Redeemed means that I am not an independent agent..... I actually am owned and answer to my new owner - Jesus.

**5. In both cases:
Sin / Satan
God / Jesus**

- I am a Slave. I am Owned.

**6. I am a Slave. (Not my
will be done, but yours....)**

**I am Redeemed. (That's
part of who I am)**

Acts 2:18

New King James Version

**¹⁸ And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days;
And they shall prophesy.**

Acts 4:29

New King James Version

²⁹ Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word,

Philippians 1

New International Version

**1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,
To all God's holy people in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons:**

1 Peter 2:16

New International Version

16 Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves.

Romans 6:16-18 (NKJV)

16 Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? 17 But God be thanked that *though you were slaves of sin*, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. 18 And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

B. "Free"

**Who am I?
I'm redeemed which
means I've switched
owners.
(I'm still a slave)**

**I'm Free - which means I now am
free of sin, death, hell and the
grave.**

**- which gives me the ability /
freedom to do God's will.**

**- It doesn't mean I can do my own
thing.**

John 8:32

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³² And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

John 8:36

New King James Version

³⁶ Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

Galatians 5:1 (KJV)

5 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

1 Peter 2:15-16 (NIV)

15 For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men. 16 Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God.

Romans 6:18 (KJV)

18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

Romans 6:20 (KJV)

20 For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.

Romans 6:22 (KJV)

22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

C. "Forgiven".

**1. Question: Are we
Forgiven?**

2. Definitions of Forgive:

**(#5483) Grant a Favor; Pardon -
(Used 10x in N.T. -Used of people)**

**Ephesians 4:32 (NKJV)
32 And be kind to one another,
tenderhearted, forgiving one
another, even as God in Christ
forgave you.**

**(#630) To Dismiss fully;
Relieve; Release; Pardon**

(Used of people - 2x)

Luke 6:37 (NKJV)

**37 Judge not, and you shall not be
judged. Condemn not, and you
shall not be condemned.**

Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

**- Not the same as Matthew 6:12, 14-15.
(That is #863n- below)**

**(#859) - "freedom; (figuratively)
pardon:-deliverance, forgiveness,
liberty, remission"**

**- "A sending Away / Letting
Go."**

**(Used 6 times - Used of People 1x
and sin 5x)**

Mark 3:28-29 (NKJV)

**28 Assuredly, I say to you, all sins
will be forgiven (#863) the sons of
men, and whatever blasphemies
they may utter; 29 but he who
blasphemes against the Holy Spirit
never has forgiveness, (#859) but
is subject to eternal condemnation**

Acts 13:38 (NKJV)

38 Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins;

(#863) "to send; an intensive form of eimi, to go); to send forth, in various applications (as follow):--cry, forgive, forsake, lay aside, leave, let (alone, be, go, have), omit, put (send) away, remit, suffer, yield up."

(Used 42 times - Almost exclusively used for sin)

Matthew 6:12 (NKJV)

**12 And forgive us our debts, As we forgive
our debtors.**

Matthew 6:14-15 (NKJV)

**14 For if you forgive men their trespasses,
your heavenly Father will also forgive you.**

**15 But if you do not forgive men their
trespasses, neither will your Father forgive
your trespasses.**

**3. I am Forgiven.
(Pardoned, Released)**

**My sins are also
Forgiven. (Sent Away)**

D. "Justified"

Romans 3:23-26 (NKJV)

**23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,**

25whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, 26to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

1. Definition: "to render (i.e. show or regard as) just or innocent:--free, justify(-ier), be righteous."

2. 'Just as if I never sinned'

E. "Reconciled"

Romans 5:9-11 (NKJV)

9Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. 10For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. 11And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

1. Definition:

"To change or exchange; to change from a state of enmity /hostility to one of friendship or favor; to reconcile; to restore to favor"

"In the N.T. > God initiates and accomplishes the change > former enemies (under divine wrath) are brought into a state of peace and favor through the death of Christ". (Grok)

F. "Sanctified"

1 Corinthians 6:9-20 (NKJV)

9Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites,

10nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. 11And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

12All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. 13Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. 14And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power

15Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! 16Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body *with her*? For *the two*, He says, *shall become one flesh*. 17But he who is joined to the Lord is *one spirit with Him*.

18Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. 19Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.
(cf. - 1 Corinthians 10:14-24)

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**a. Hagiazō (G37) describes the action
of make something / someone holy.**

**b. G38, G41 and G42 come from the
same root family
(hagios = 'holy'). They describe what
G37 creates.**

2. Sanctification and Holiness are in the same family of Greek words and Sanctification is the process that produces Holiness.

1 Corinthians 1:2 (NKJV)

2 To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

Hebrews 10:10 (NKJV)

10 By that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Jude 1 (NKJV)

**1 Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James,
To those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ:**

G. "Blessed"

Ephesians 1:3 (NKJV)

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

1. Ephesians 1:3 (Positionally we are all Blessed)

2. Progressively we decide how much of that manifests
(Romans 4:7; Matthew 5

Matthew 5:3-11 (NKJV)

3Blessed *are* the poor in spirit,

4Blessed *are* those who mourn,

5Blessed *are* the meek,

**6Blessed *are* those who hunger and
thirst for righteousness,**

7Blessed *are* the merciful,

8Blessed *are* the pure in heart,

9Blessed *are* the peacemakers,

**10Blessed *are* those who are
persecuted for righteousness sake,**

**11Blessed *are* you when they revile and
persecute you, and say all kinds of evil
against you falsely for My sake.**

H. Many Scriptures on Identity:

***** Any scripture that says this is who you 'are' in Christ, as being a believer or saved, etc.**

Matthew 5:13-14 (NKJV)

**13 You are the salt of the earth;
14 You are the light of the world.**

John 8:31 “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples.”

John 13:35 “By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

John 15:5

“I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.”

John 15:14

“You are my friends if you do what I command you.”

Luke 24:48

“You are witnesses of these things.”

Galatians 4:7

**“So you are no longer a slave, but a son,
and if a son, then an heir through God.”**

1 Corinthians 12:27

**“Now you are the body of Christ and
individually members of it.”**

1 Peter 2:9

**“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, a people for his own
possession...”**

1 John 3:1–2

“...that we should be called children of God; and so we are... Beloved, we are God’s children now...”

1 John 4:4

“Little children, you are from God and have overcome them...