BUILDING ON SOLID GROUND Identity in Christ

For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. —1 Corinthians 13:12

I AM FORGIVEN.

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us. —Ephesians 1:7–8

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 1in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. —Colossians 1:13–14

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. -Romans 8:1

I AM ADOPTED.

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. —Romans 8:14–17

Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir. —Galatians 4:6–7

For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. —Ephesians 1:4-6

Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. —John 1:12–13

IAM PROTECTED.

The Lord will keep you from all harm— he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. —Psalm 121:7–8

"Because the poor are plundered, because the needy groan, I will now arise," says the LORD; "I will place him in the safety for which he longs." —Psalm 12:5 (ESV)

But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one. —2 Thessalonians 3:3

I AM A NEW AND BEAUTIFUL CREATION.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! —2 Corinthians 5:17

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. —2 Corinthians 3:18

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. —Romans 12:2

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. —Ephesians 2:10 (ESV)

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. —Psalm 139:13–16

You shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you. —Isaiah 62:2-5 (ESV)

I AM A FRIEND OF GOD.

I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. —John 15:15

I HAVE GREAT PURPOSE IN MY LIFE.

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. —Jeremiah 29:11

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. —Romans 8:28

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. —Philippians 1:6 (ESV)

I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.—John 10:10 (ESV)

I AM STRONG IN HIM.

I can do all this through him who gives me strength. —Ephesians 4:13

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. -Ephesians 6:10

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. —2 Timothy 1:7

I AM NOT ALONE.

"And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." —Matthew 28:20

Let the beloved of the LORD rest secure in him, for he shields him all day long, and the one the LORD loves rests between his shoulders. —Deuteronomy 33:12

I AM ACCEPTED.

All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. —John 6:37

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. —Romans 12:1 (ESV)

Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. —Romans 14:18 (ESV)

I AM VALUABLE.

Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life. —Isaiah 43:4

For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession. –Deuteronomy 7:6

I AM BLESSED.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. —Ephesians 1:3

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. —Numbers 6:24–26

I AM LOVED.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. —John 3:16

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. –Romans 8:38–39

I will betroth you to me forever; I will betroth you ind righteousness and justice, in love and compassion. I will betroth you in faithfulness, and you will acknowledge the Lord. —Hosea 2:19–20 For your Maker is your husband-- the LORD Almighty is his name-- the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; he is called the God of all the earth. —Isaiah 54:5

The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness." —Jeremiah 31:3