Who We Are in Christ---Our New Identity at Salvation

(Through and to no merit of our own! Because **HE IS**…I am…All praise to and focus on **HIM**!)

Am I intentional in remembering Christ and who I am now daily?
Am I living out who He has graciously made me?

☐ His Creation, in His Image*, restored to Him for Him…which blesses me. (*a person, personal, reflection)

Psalm 100:3 Know that the Lord He himself is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people…
Gen 1:27-God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
Col 1:6-For by Him were all things created, both in the heavens and on the earth…all things have been created through Him and for him.
Is 43:6b-Bring my sons from afar and My Daughters from the ends of the earth. Everyone who is called by My name, and whom I have formed for My glory, whom I have formed, even whom I have made.
Eph 2:4-But God being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us…made us alive together with Christ…so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in Kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
Ps 95:6, 7-Come let us worship and bow down…let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God, and we are His people of His pasture…
Rev 21:1ff-Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth…and I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be his people and God Himself shall be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes…Behold I am making all things new …It is done. I am the A1pha and Omega, the beginning and the end…he who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and He will be My son.

☐ A Worshipper of an Awesome, Deserving God (in Spirit and in Truth)

John4:23-But an hour is coming and now is when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His Worshippers.
Ps 86:10-There is none like You among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like Yours. All nations whom you have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, and they shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous deeds; You alone are God.
Psalm 29:2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name. Worship the Lord in holy array

☐ A New Creation (new kind of heart; Spirit within, new power, new/alive soul; a new person from within)

2 Cor 5:17-Therefore if anyone be in Christ he is a new creation. The old things have passed away, behold, new things have come.
Eph 2:5-even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (for by grace you have been saved).
Eph 4:24-and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God, has been created in righteousness and holiness and truth.

☐ Forgiven Sinner

Col 2:13-When you were dead in your transgressions…He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven all our transgressions, having canceled the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.
1Jn 1:8, 9-If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleans us from all unrighteousness.
Ps 103: 10-13-He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His loving-kindness toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. Just as a father has compassion on *his* children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him.
Rom 8:1-Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

☐ A Secure Adopted Child of God (He loves, cares for, loves to bless, teaches, disciplines, and secures an imperishable inheritance as a Joint heir with Christ)

Eph 1:5-He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will.
Gal 4:4-7-But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son…so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoptions as sons. Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" Therefore, you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.
1Jn 3:1-See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called the children of God…
1Pet 1:**3ff**-Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope…and inheritance that is imperishable…reserved in heaven for you, who are protected by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
Eph 1:13-In Him…having also believed [in Savior and Lord], you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise
Rom 8:17-and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ…so that we may also be glorified with Him.

☐ God's own possession (for Him, precious to Him, and protected and helped in trouble)

Titus 2:14-Who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.
1 peter 2:9-But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR *god's* OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;
1Cor 6:20-You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.
Ps 91:1-4-He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most-High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler [trapper of birds], and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.
Deut 33:12-May the beloved of the LORD dwell in security by Him, who shields him all the day, and he dwells between His shoulders."

☐ The Temple of the Holy Spirit

1 Cor 3:16-Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?
1 Cor 6:19-Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God?
Eph 3:16-…that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man.
Col 1:27-to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

☐ An Athlete (placed in a *particular* race to Christ & reward; the race: with strenuous purpose, worship, die to self, grow, abide/immerse in Christ and His word, Love/serve others, and engage in Kingdom work)

Heb 12:1-Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
1Cor 9:24-27-Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but *only* one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then *do it* to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. Therefore, I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.
Rev 11:18-And the nations were enraged, and Your wrath came, and the time *came* for the dead to be judged, and *the time* to reward Your bond-servants the prophets and the saints and those who fear Your name, the small and the great...
Phil 3:14-I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.
2 Jn 1:8-Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full **reward**.
1Cor 3:14-If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a **reward**.
2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one of us may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad."

☐ A Branch (connected to and in need of the True Vine)

Jn 15:1-11-"I am the True Vine [source, all that is needed], and My Father is the Vinedresser [the overseer, caretaker]…Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither *can* you unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing…Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love… My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and *so* prove to be My disciples. If you keep [hold fast keep the eye on] My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and *that* your joy may be made full.

☐ A Bond-Slave (willing servant of the Lord and Righteousness, with the Perfect Master)

Acts 16:17-These men are bond-servants of the Most-High God, who are proclaiming to you the way of salvation."
Rev 11:18-And the nations were enraged, and Your wrath came, and the time *came* for the dead to be judged, and *the time* to reward Your bond-servants the prophets and the saints and those who fear Your name, the small and the great...
Gal 1:10-For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ.
Rom 6:16-Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone *as* slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?
Romans 16:18- For such men are slaves, not of our Lord Christ but of their own appetites…
2Cor 4:5-For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants for Jesus' sake.
2 Cor 6:4-but in everything commending ourselves as servants of God, in much endurance, in afflictions, in hardships, in distresses

☐ A Child of the Light

Eph 5:8-for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light
Phil 2:15-so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world,
Col 1:9-13-For this reason also, since the day we heard *of it*, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please *Him* in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light. For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

☐ A Disciple (leaving all, dying to living for self, exercising self-control, by his strength, to follow Him)

Matt 28:19-Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.
Matt 16:24-Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.
Luke 9:23-And He was saying to *them* all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.
Luke 14:26-27-If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

☐ A Soldier (Dependent on the Lord-in a real spiritual battle w/ the flesh and the forces of darkness)

2 Tim 2:1-4-You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Suffer hardship with *me*, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier.
Eph 6:10-18-Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand firm therefore, HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH, and HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, and having shod YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE; in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil *one*. And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,
1Peter 5:8-Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.
1Tim 6:12- Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.
Rom 12:14-21-Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse…Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men…Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath *of God*, for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord…Do not be <u>overcome</u> by evil, but <u>overcome</u> evil with good.

☐ A Sheep (of God's pasture, of the Good Shepherd, in His perfect care)

Ps 95:7-For He is our God, and we are His people of His pasture, the sheep of His hand.
Jn 10:14-Iam the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me, even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.
Is 40:11-Like a shepherd He will tend His flock. In His arms He will gather the lambs and carry *them* in His bosom; He will gently lead the nursing *ewes.*
Ps 23:1-6-The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want [He is all I need and want]. He makes me lie down in green pastures [provides all I truly need and more]; He leads me beside quiet waters [gives peace]. He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Even though I walk through he valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me [protect and help in even peril]; Your rod and Your staff [guidance and discipline], they comfort me…Surely goodness and loving-kindness will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.
Heb 13:20-Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, *even* Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen.

☐ A Friend of God (brought near, in intimate relationship with a refuge)

James 2:23-and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "AND ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS," and he was called the friend of God.
Eph 2:13-But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
Jn 15:14-You are my friends if you do what I command you.
Ps 73:28-But as for me, the nearness of God is my good; I have made the Lord GOD my refuge, That I may tell of all Your works.
Ps 119:151-You are near, O LORD, and all Your commandments are truth.
Ps 145:18-The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth.
Ps 25:14-Intimacy with the LORD is for those who fear Him, And He will make them know His covenant.
Jn 14:21- He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him."

☐ His Bride (will be in heaven)

2Cor 11:12-For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present [you as] a chaste virgin to Christ.
Rev 19:7-9-Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright *and* clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Then he said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'" And he said to me, "These are true words of God."

☐ Part of the Body/Family of Christ (sister/brother, gifted, crucial member)

1 Cor 12:6-27-There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all *persons*. But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.…But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired…For even as the body is one and *yet* has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. If they were all one member, where would the body be? But now there are many members, but one body. Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it.
Acts 2:42-47-They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; and they *began* selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.
Ps 133:1-3-Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head…It is like the dew of Hermon coming down upon the mountains of Zion; or there the LORD commanded the blessing—life forever.
Heb 10:24-26-and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

☐ His Workmanship for His Glory (into Christ-likeness)

Eph 2:10-For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.
Phil 1:6-For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.
Is 64:8-But now, O LORD, You are our Father, we are the clay, and You our potter; and all of us are the work of Your hand.
And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;

☐ An Ambassador (for Christ to the world)

2 Cor 5:20-Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.
1 Pt 3:15-but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence
Psalms 145:10-12-All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD, And Your godly ones shall bless You. They shall speak of the glory of Your Kingdom and talk of Your power; To make known to the sons of men Your mighty acts and the glory of the majesty of Your kingdom.
1 Peter 2:9-But you are a CHOSEN RACE, a royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;
Mark 16:15-He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.
2 Corinthians 2:14-But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere.
2 Timothy 1:8-So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God.