



HOW TO CHANGE MY IDENTITY

Formed For Christ Church and our ministries deliver Christian Identity Development (CID) disciple-making services to youth and adults through teaching, equipping, biblical counseling, and encouragement.

At Formed For Christ, our unwavering belief in the power of God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit guides everything we do. We are confident in our unique identity as children of God, formed for a purpose in Christ's Kingdom. We understand that while God created us for Jesus Christ in our mother's womb, it is Jesus who changes our identity for eternity and transforms us through the Holy Spirit to become more like Him daily.

How to Change Your Identity? The blood of Jesus changes everything. The Bible teaches that Jesus died on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins. This act of selfless love was necessary to reconcile humanity with God and provide a way for forgiveness and salvation. By taking on the punishment for our sins, Jesus demonstrated his ultimate act of grace and mercy.

One simple step will change your identity for eternity. Believe in your heart that Jesus is Lord and that He died on the cross, was buried, and rose from death on the third day. Ask him to forgive your sins and come into your heart to Lord over your life (Acts 2:21 & Romans 10:9-10).

If you have never accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior, and you are ready to do so, understand that your salvation comes by faith and belief in Jesus Christ alone (Ephesians 2:8-9). There is no prayer of salvation or a special "Sinners' Prayer" that replaces this faith and belief in Jesus Christ. Saying a sinner's prayer will not accomplish anything on its own. A true sinner's prayer only represents what a person knows, understands, and believes about their sinfulness and need for salvation.

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior. In Your Name. Amen.

You will not walk this journey alone. We would love to hear from you. Contact us at the following email address, josh@formedforchrist.com, or send us a message on our website at formedforchrist.com. You can also call us at (910) 229-2692.

These Scripture verses are a good place to start in discovering your new Christian IDENTITY:

- Knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin... (Romans 6:6)
- But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit with Him. (1 Corinthians 6:17)
- But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name, who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of a man, but of God. (John 1:12)
- In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of the promise... (Ephesians 1:13)



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Once the Blood of Jesus saves you, you become one with Him, eternally identified with Jesus, a Christian. We like to say you become the “King’s own.” The following is a helpful acrostic to learn your new Christian IDENTITY:

- **I** am a child of God (John 1:12)
- **D**efined by my Father in Heaven (Ephesians 1:5-6)
- **E**ternally sealed in Christ (Ephesians 1:13)
- **N**ever alone or apart from Jesus (Isaiah 41:10)
- **T**ruth defines my worldview (1 Peter 2:9)
- **I**ndwelted by the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
- **T**ransformed by the renewing of my mind (Romans 12:2)
- **Y**eshua (Jesus) is my Lord of lords and King of kings (Revelation 17:14)

These are some additional Scripture verses to learn more about Whose you are and Who created you:

- So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. (Genesis 1:27)
- Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you... (Jeremiah 1:5)
- He predestined us to adoption as sons and daughters through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, with which He favored us in the Beloved. (Ephesians 1:5-6)
- Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we also have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we celebrate in hope of the glory of God. (Romans 5:4).

Where should you start reading in the Bible? We recommend reading John, one of the four Gospels, and then beginning to read the remaining three (3) Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke). Once you finish reading the Gospels, turn to the Old Testament and read Genesis and Exodus. We also recommend spending time with God daily in prayer and scripture, eventually reading the entire Bible (all 66 books of the Old and New Testament).

Consider also reading a Proverb for each day of the month; because there are thirty-one (31) Chapters, you can read the entire book of Proverbs twelve (12) times a year.

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