



HOW TO CHANGE MY IDENTITY

Formed For Christ Church and our ministries deliver Christian Identity Development (CID) disciple-making 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. By taking on the punishment for our sins, Jesus demonstrated his ultimate act of grace and mercy.

One simple step changes our identity for eternity. Believe in our heart that Jesus is Lord and Savior (John 3:16). The One and only Savior (John 14:6), divinely conceived and born of a virgin woman (Matthew 1:18-25), lived on earth as fully God and fully man, died (was crucified) for our sins (Romans 5:8), and rose from His death (was resurrected) three days later, freely forgiving, saving, and giving eternal life to anyone who believes in Him (2 Timothy 1:10).

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. With belief, pray the following prayer or one similar to it:

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe Jesus Christ is Your Son, that He died for my sins, and that You raised Him to life. I want to trust Him as my Savior and follow Him as Lord from this day forward. Guide my life and help me do Your will. I pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

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)
- Defined by my Father in Heaven (Ephesians 1:5-6)
- Eternally sealed in Christ (Ephesians 1:13)
- Never alone or apart from Jesus (Isaiah 41:10)
- Truth defines my worldview (1 Peter 2:9)
- Indwelt by the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
- Transformed by the renewing of my mind (Romans 12:2)
- Yeshua (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.

You will not walk this journey alone. We would love to hear from you. Contact us at josh@formedforchrist.com, or send us a message on our website at formedforchrist.com, or call us at (910) 835-4044.

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