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IDENTITY IN CHRIST

A mature Christian knows who they are. They find their identity and personal security in Christ. By the promise of the gospel they know that in Christ they are forgiven and adopted as a loved child of the Father, filled with the Spirit of Christ, and being transformed into the likeness of the true Son of God.



CHARACTER TO CULTIVATE

AFFECTIONS



Q1 In what ways are you experiencing...

- LOVE FOR GOD**, sensing deep satisfaction in Him.
- DESIRE TO GROW**, wanting deeper knowledge of God.

Q2 What false idols might be getting in the way?

THOUGHTS



Q3 How is God helping you to develop...

- ASSURANCE OF SALVATION**, claiming the promise of Christ.
- GOSPEL SELF-TALK**, addressing insecurities and doubts.

Q4 What unhelpful thinking is tripping you up?

PRAYERS



Q5 Do you experience...

- RELATIONAL PRAYER**, intimately relating to God as Father.
- HONEST PRAYER**, bringing real feelings & troubles to God.

Q6 What makes it hard for you to pray this way?

BEHAVIOURS



Q7 Are you seeing growth in these marks of godliness...

- JOYFUL THANKS**, in place of grumbling and complaining.
- PRAISE THROUGH THE DAY**, replacing proud self-reliance.

Q8 In what contexts is this hardest for you?

TRAINING EXPERIENCES

1.1

READ & DISCUSS

Work through a recommended Bible study or book, planning accountability & action steps.

1.2

TESTIMONY

Use [MBC online resource](#) to prepare and share your testimony in a public meeting.

1.3

PRAYER

Follow [MTS Exercise 3.01 "Prayer Habits"](#)

1.4

MENTOR

Arrange regular catch ups with a wiser Christian for Bible reading, prayer, & sharing about faith.



Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

COLOSSIANS 3:2-4

CONVICTIONS TO DEVELOP

1. GOD	Trinity & Person of God	Divine Attributes	Evidence for God	Answering the Problem of Evil		
2. CREATION	Created Order & Goodness	Providence & Common Grace	Christianity & Science	Christianity & Conservation	Christianity & the Arts	Christianity & Industry
3. HUMANITY	Image of God	Gender and Sexuality	Work & Worship	Sin, Curse & Depravity	Christianity & Psychology	Christianity & Technology
4. JUDGMENT	Holiness & Divine Wrath	Satan & Demonic Power	Hell & Eternal Judgment	The Fate of the Lost	Powerlessness of Religion	
5. SCRIPTURE	Necessity of Revelation	Bible as God's Word	Interpretation via Gospel	OT Fulfilment in Christ	Bible Reliability	Power of the Gospel
6. CHRIST	Eternal Sonship	Full Humanity & Full Divinity	Perfect Obedience	Substitutionary Atonement	Implications of Resurrection	Historicity of Jesus
7. NEW CREATION	Reign & 2nd Coming	Heaven & Restoration	Kingdom of God	Tension of Now-Not-Yet	Ethics & Decision-making	
8. HOLY SPIRIT	Spirit of the Son	Indwelling of Believers	Gifting for Ministry	Error of Experientialism		
9. SALVATION	Knowing the Gospel	Predestination & New Birth	Repentance & Faith	Justification & Assurance	Sanctification & Ongoing Sin	Trials & Perseverance
10. CHURCH	Body of Christ & Household	Baptism & Membership	Communion & Unity	Ministry & Service	Local & Global Mission	

RESOURCES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

BIBLE STUDIES



Bible Books to Read and Carefully Meditate on
MARK, ROMANS, COLOSSIANS, PSALMS



God's Good News (IX Marks)
Reviews the essential truths of the gospel and how it applies to every area of life.



News of the Hour (Gospel of Mark, Matthias Media)
A refreshing first-hand look at the life and ministry of Jesus as presented in the gospel of Mark.



The Free Gift of Life (Romans 1-5, Matthias Media)
Walks through the first five momentous chapters of Romans, exploring the foundations of Christian belief.



The Free Gift of Sonship (Romans 6-11, Matthias M)
Explores the crucial middle chapters of the book of Romans to reveal the essence of Christian identity.

BOOKS & ARTICLES



Knowing God (JI Packer)
A classic and ever popular book for helping Christians appreciate the riches of their identity on Christ.



What is the Gospel (Greg Gilbert, IX Marks)
A sharp and helpful clarification on what is the gospel and what is counterfeit.



The True and Living God (Kim Hawtrey)
How the false gods of our age rob us of real life and happiness, and a call to return to a true love of God.



Counterfeit Gods (Tim Keller)
A penetrating look at the temptation to worship money, sex and power, and how we can return to loving God.



You Can Change (Tim Chester)
A step by step how-to for applying the transforming power of the gospel to the hurts and failures of life.