

23 identities we bear when we are rooted in Christ.

by Maggie Whitley



Dear Sister,

The concept of “sisterhood” is very personal to me. I didn’t grow up having a sister, but I have grown up with dear friends who love me like a sister. Throughout my life, through all the adventures and hardships and blessings, my “sisters” have walked alongside me. These sisters have encouraged me, roared with laughter with me, and have sat with me during some very lonely life seasons.

Do you know you are deeply and tenderly loved by God? You most certainly are. The visual described for us in Psalm 91 verse 4 brings us such comfort: “He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge.”

I certainly have my days and seasons of difficulty, whether with motherhood, marriage, or relationships. But to be reminded through scripture of His peaceful presence is so comforting. Any time I’m feeling sad, burdened, or lonely, I open the scriptures to remind myself of these truths.

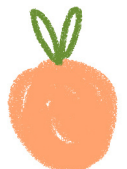
Below is a small list of the many identities we bear when we are rooted in Christ.

You are capable because He will equip you. YOU CAN because HE IS.

I’m cheering for you, dear Sister.



Maggie



Identities we bear when we are rooted in Christ:

01. beloved

I have *loved* you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

-Jeremiah 31:3

02. a child of God

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called *children of God*; and so we are.

-1 John 3:1

03. delighted in

The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; *he will rejoice over you with gladness*; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

-Zephaniah 3:17

04. free

For freedom Christ has set us *free*; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

-Galatians 5:1

05. a new creation

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is *a new creation*. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

-2 Corinthians 5:17

06. whole in Christ

For in him *the whole fullness* of deity dwells bodily and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

-Colossians 2:9-10

07. not hidden

My frame was *not hidden* from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

-Psalm 139:15

08. wonderfully made

I praise you, for I am fearfully and *wonderfully made*. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

-Psalm 139:14

09. a masterpiece

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

10. never alone

It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; he will *not leave you* or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.

-Deuteronomy 31:8

11. a friend of Jesus

No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you *friends*, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

-John 15:15

12. precious

But let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very *precious*.

-1 Peter 3:4



13. known

O LORD, you have searched me and *known* me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and you are acquainted with all my ways.

-Psalm 139:1-3

14. beautiful

In that day the branch of the LORD shall be *beautiful* and glorious, and the fruit of the land shall be the pride and honor of the survivors of Israel.

-Isaiah 4:2

15. a branch

I am the vine; you are the *branches*. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

-John 15:5

16. chosen

Even as *he chose us* in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

-Ephesians 1:4, see also John 15:16

17. a light

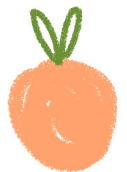
In the same way, let *your light* shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

-Matthew 5:16

18. perfect

And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be *perfect* and complete, lacking in nothing.

-James 1:4



19. redeemed

I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have *redeemed* you.

-Isaiah 44:22

20. forgiven

In him we have redemption through his blood, the *forgiveness* of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

-Ephesians 1:7

21. zealous

...who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are *zealous* for good works.

-Titus 2:14

22. an ambassador

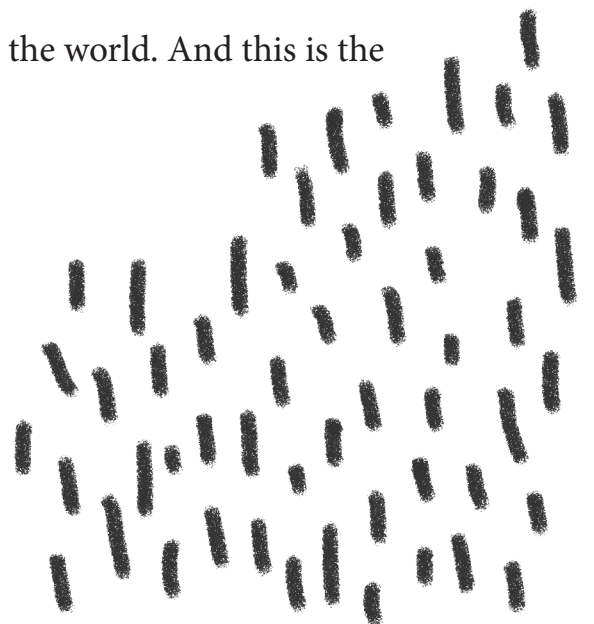
Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away, and look, new things have come. . . Therefore we are *ambassadors* for Christ, certain that God is appealing through us.

-2 Corinthians 5:17-20

23. an overcomer

For everyone who has been born of God *overcomes* the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world – our faith.

-1 John 5:4



For reflection:

- Which verses stand out to you? Write them down. Commit to memorizing one.
- From the previous pages, circle any identities you want to grow in, then ask the Holy Spirit to help you memorize and “put on” the Truth as you apply it to daily life.
- Using a concordance or website such as BibleGateway.com, look up additional verses supporting this identity. Read the verse in its entirety, not just the verse with the identity listed. Pray and ask the Lord to reveal how this can be applied to your life.
- Commit to spending time with the Lord regularly through scripture, song and prayer. Maverick City Music writes powerfully true music. Give them a listen.
- Remember the charge James 4:8 gives us, “Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.”

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