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## The Roadmap to Revelation

### Embracing Your True Identity in Christ

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## Receive

**Jesus.** (John 1:12-13)

When we receive Jesus Christ, God brings us into an eternal, intimate, covenant relationship with Himself by the Holy Spirit through the new birth. Our new birth gives us our new identity.

The beloved Apostle John writes in John 1:12-13,

To those who received Him, to them He gave the right (*power, authority*) to be called 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 man, but of God.

This birth does not come about physically, or by anything man could do or decide. It is not attained by church affiliation or attendance, but by God's miraculous might.

Jesus said to Nicodemus in John 3:7, "Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'" This is the mystery now revealed – Christ in us, the hope of glory! (Colossians 1:28)

## Reckon

**the truth of who you are in Him.**

Declare the truth no matter how you feel! According to Scripture,

In Jesus, you are	Covered	Holy	Released	Citizen
Accepted	Empowered	Justified	Rich	Disciple
Adopted	Entrusted	Loved	Sealed	Friend
Anointed	Faithful	New	Set apart	Heir
Beautiful	Filled	Predestined	Strengthened	Lover
Beloved	Forgiven	Protected	Triumphant	Possession
Blameless	Fragrant	Raised up	<b>You are His</b>	Reflector
Blessed	Free	Re-born	Ambassador	Royal priest
Called	Glorified	Reconciled	Bride	
Chosen	Hidden	Redeemed	Child	

Since I create the bookmark with these "names" of ours, I keep finding more, such as [Acquitted](#), [Alive](#), [Delivered](#), [Eternal](#), [Immersed](#), [Righteous](#), [Resurrected](#), and [United with Him](#)!

## Rise up

**from who you were into your new identity.**

When we receive Jesus, our new identity belongs to us, not *after* we have our act together, but *now*, just because we are His. This is who we really are.

Paul addressed the Corinthians with names like *holy, saints, blameless*. Do you remember the Corinthians? They were a mess. The background of their culture included rampant sexual sin, pagan temple feasts, the mystery cults of Egypt and Asia, and Greek philosophy. Paul had a huge job to shepherd this flock. But they were a flock of new believers that had received Jesus. Paul didn't call them sinners; he called them saints. Paul wanted to teach them how to walk in their new identity; he called them to rise up from their immoral culture and walk in ways that reflected their Savior.

We might not believe who we are if we look at our feelings, circumstances, weakness, fear, grief, doubt, failure, or fluctuating emotions; but the Anchor that holds us never moves, and *who we are in Him* never moves. We are hidden in Him. We have this hope as an anchor of our souls, a hope both sure and steadfast... (Hebrews 6:19).

## Rely

On the Holy Spirit.

## Remember

This is not *your* effort at positive thinking.

This is your verbal declaration of truth to yourself, to the principalities, to your unseen accusers, and to Father God as you agree with Him.

## Receive

Father God's blessing.

God designed our earthly father's blessing to be a stabilizing confidence to draw upon throughout our lives. A father speaks forth our calling that he has observed since childhood. This blessing from a godly father was designed by our heavenly Father to lead us to our Heavenly Father's blessing.

However, many people have not heard their earthly father speak blessing over them. Even so, we can hear Father God's blessing by the Holy Spirit. He calls us forth with confidence into our calling and encourages us along the way.

When you see how He sees you, you think highly of yourself. This is not pride; it is humility to acknowledge your beauty that He created. You are His beautiful, new creation! (2 Corinthians 5:17)

When we receive the gift of His Son as our Passover Lamb, Father God creates a new spirit within us with beautiful names and a high calling. If I sin, I am acting against who He created me to be. I must turn away from what robs me of the joy of who He created me to be.

Receive the Father's Blessing!

Beloved your name, I am your Father. I love you. I am yours and you are Mine.

You are precious to Me. My eyes are always on you.

You can do all things, because My Spirit is within you. You are a wonder! You are stunning!

I'm so glad you're here. **The party could not begin until you got here!**

I first heard the last, highlighted sentence above in a blessing given by Terry Wardle of *Healing Care Ministries*. When I repeated it during a retreat of 80 women, I could hear tears – tears like the ones I shed when I first heard it. You see, we were created to matter, to belong. Father God accepts you. Your presence makes a difference to Him. He delights in you! (Zephaniah 3:17)

## Run

Fixing your eyes on Jesus.

Hebrews 12:1-2