

God's True View of You

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Knowing what God thinks and says about you is essential for living a fulfilled life. That's why it's so important to understand that your true identity is found only in Christ.

Here are five things you need to know about who you truly are in Christ:

You are acceptable.

Titus 3:7 says, *"Jesus treated us much better than we deserve. He made us acceptable to God"* (CEV). God's acceptance of you is not based on your performance or on anything you do. It's based on what Jesus did.

You are valuable.

An item's value often depends on what someone is willing to pay for it. That's why you are infinitely valuable to Jesus—he bought you with his life. *"You have been bought and paid for by Christ, so you belong to him"* (1 Corinthians 7:23 TLB).

You are lovable.

No one will ever love you the way God does. His love for you is unconditional, consistent, and everlasting. Psalm 100:5 says, *"The LORD is good! His love and faithfulness will last forever"* (CEV).

You are forgivable.

God doesn't hold grudges. When you give your life to Christ, he doesn't rehearse your sins; he releases them. Romans 8:1 says, *"There is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus"* (NLT).

You are capable.

You are not incompetent. You are not a nobody. First Peter 2:9 says, *"You are royal priests . . . As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light"* (NLT).

Whenever you feel tempted to believe someone else's destructive words about you—or even your own—remember that God is the final authority on who you are!