

Identified by God

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

This devotional is designed to help you understand who you *really* are. All of us have been labeled at some time in our lives. Some labels are good...“you’re a winner”, “you’re smart”, “you’re good looking”, “you’re humble”. Other labels are not so encouraging...“you’re a loser”, “you’re stupid”, “you’re ugly”, “you’re arrogant.” But these are labels that people and the world around us give. They are usually based on our performance in life or our outward appearance.

As a Christian you need to understand and believe that God has some labels for you as well. The difference between God’s labels and the world’s labels is that God’s labels are based on what Christ has done in and for you, not on your own performance.

For the next 28 days you will be reading three passages a day that explain who you really are. Instead of looking at your own performance in life and then trying to figure out your standing before God we need to reverse the order of things. In order for us to understand who we really are and what God wants us to do, we need to understand who God really is and what He has done in our lives.

How can I get the most out of this devotional?

Read and meditate on each passage of Scripture. Meditation simply means that you take a few minutes to prayerfully think deeply and ponder what is written. Jot down some notes, in a journal, as you go along. Each day has a main theme, so as you go through each passage try to draw out the main theme. Look at the relationships between who God is, who you are and what God is calling you to do. Who we are and what God has called us to do should mirror who God is. Finally, apply the truths to your own life. Ask the question, “How do these passages identify me and cause me to live differently today as I interact with the world around me?”

Read and prayerfully meditate on the passages.

Draw out the main theme.

Apply it to your life today.

It is critically important that we do not read the Scriptures as a book of “do’s and don’ts”. God desires that we know Him intimately, that we understand Jesus Christ has come to save us from our sins and redeem us back into a loving relationship with God. May you read, meditate and bathe yourself in the truth of God so that you walk away transformed by His love and grace.

Day	Who God is...	Who I am...	What I am called to do...
1	1 John 4:8-12	1 John 4:12-14	John 13:34-35
2	Matthew 25:34	John 1:12-13	1 John 1:1-4
3	John 1:14	Acts 1:8	John 3:21
4	Isaiah 45:21;Ps. 11:7;116:5-6	Romans 6:17-18	Romans 6:19-20
5	Psalms 139:7-10	1 Corinthians 3:16	1 Corinthians 6:19-20
6	Ephesians 4:4-6	1 Corinthians 12:27	Ephesians 4:15-16
7	Genesis 1:17	2 Corinthians 5:17	2 Corinthians 5:14-15
8	Isaiah 9:6	John 14:19-20	John 14:15-18
9	2 Corinthians 5:18-19a	2 Corinthians 5:19b-20	2 Corinthians 5:20-21
10	Matthew 6:9-10	Galatians 4:6-7	Ephesians 1:18-19
11	Psalms 95:3; 99:1-4	Matthew 25:23	Psalms 40:8-10
12	Jeremiah 10:10	Zephaniah 2:11	Psalms 100: 1-3
13	John 11:25-26	Colossians 3:3-4	Colossians 3:1-2
14	Isaiah 6:3	1 Thessalonians 1:4-5	Colossians 3:12-14
15	John 15:5	John 15:5-7	John 15:5-7
16	John 8:12	1 Thessalonians 5:5-6; Matt.5:14	Matthew 5:14-16
17	Deuteronomy 32:4; 1 Samuel 2:2	Deuteronomy 33:27; Psalm 18:12	Psalms 5:11
18	2 Chronicles 16:9	Acts 4:33; 2 Timothy 1:7	Matthew 22:37
19	Lamentations 3:22-23	1 Peter 2:9-10	Psalms 1:3-5
20	Proverbs 21:31; 1 Corinthians 15:57	1 Peter 5:8	1 Peter 5:9-11
21	Psalms 97:1-5	1 Peter 2:11-12	1 John 2:15-17
22	John 4:13-14	Romans 15:13	Hebrews 10:23-25
23	Romans 5:6-8	Romans 5:9; 5:1-2	Galatians 5:13-15
24	John 1:1-4; Psalms 119:89	1 John 2:4-6	Psalms 119:97, 102, 106
25	Luke 24:20; Acts 2:36	Galatians 2:20; Romans 6:6-10	Romans 6:11-14
26	Isaiah 64:4	Psalms 69:13; Ephesians 3:12	Jeremiah 29:12-13; Hebrews 4:16
27	Isaiah 60:16; Psalms 111:9	Ephesians 1:7-10	1 Corinthians 10:31; Psalm 86:12; 63:3-4
28	Philippians 1:3-6	1 Corinthians 6:11	1 Peter 1:15-16