

**Just own it—Just live it—Just share it**

**The good news is for those who do not believe that Jesus is the Savior of the world**

**The good news is equally important for those who have believed in Jesus**

**Your true identity is found in Him**

# Who is this One you are connected to?

- I am the **Alpha** and the **Omega**, the **Beginning** and the **End**, the **First** and the **Last** (Rev. 22:13)
- He is the **creator, provider** for all; **sustainer**; **life and death** are in His hands (Ps. 104:27)
- Intimately **involved** with everything and everyone around us (Col. 1:17)
- His character
  - Only **wise** God (Rom. 16:27)
  - **Rich in mercy** (Eph.2:4)
  - His **great love** with which He **loved us** (Eph. 2:4)
- God's **mouthpiece**—spoken to us by His Son (Heb. 1:2)
- God's agent to **reconcile** all things to Himself (Col. 1:20)
- **Became a curse** for us (Gal. 3:13)
- **Raised** from the dead victoriously (Eph. 1:20)
- **Seated** at His right hand; total control, dominion and authority (Mark 16:9)
- The **judge** of all the earth (Matt. 25:31-46)
- Will **reign** for all eternity (1 Tim. 1:7)

## David and Asaph put it like this...

You are my Lord, my goodness is nothing apart from You. O Lord, You are the portion of my inheritance and my cup;

The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; Yes, I have a good inheritance.

Ps. 16:2,5,6

Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You. My flesh and my heart fail; but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Ps. 73:25,26

# Direct yourself to Him

Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name!  
Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all  
your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from  
destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, Who  
satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the  
eagle's.

Ps. 103:1-5

Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me?  
Hope in God; For I shall yet praise Him, The help of my countenance and my  
God.

Ps. 42:11

# So, who are you in Christ?

## You before Him

Forgiven, redeemed through His blood (Col. 1:14)

Holy, blameless, above reproach in His sight (Col. 1:22)

Accepted in the Beloved (Eph. 1:6)

At peace--He Himself is our peace (Eph. 2:14)

Blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ (Eph 1:3)

Bold and confident: Christ Jesus our Lord in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him (Eph. 3:12)

## Living for Him

Delivered from the power of darkness (Col. 1:13)

Delivered from this present evil age (Gal. 1:4)

Dead to the power of sin (Rom. 6:11)

No longer I who live but Christ in me...I live by faith in the Son of God (Gal. 2:20)

Called to liberty (Gal 5:13)

Represent Him to others: Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15)

# So, who are you in Christ?

## Family

Chosen in Him (Eph. 1:4)

Adopted into His family (Eph. 1:5)

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! (1 John 3:1)

An heir of God through Christ (Gal. 4:7)

Qualified to be partakers of the inheritance (Col. 1:10)

## Secure

He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." (Heb. 13:5)

Sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise guaranteeing our inheritance (Eph. 1:13,14)

## Future

No more tears, death, sorrow, crying or pain (Rev. 21:4)

He will show us the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. (Eph. 2:7)



**What keeps you from living in the good news of God?**

**Is God good? Really? All the time?**

# God is good: it is who He is and what He does

**You are good and do good;** (Ps. 119:68)

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who trusts in Him! (Ps. 34:8)

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life... (Ps. 23:6)

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. (James 1:17)

...how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him! (Matt. 7:11)

The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; (Nahum 1:7)

**If we doubt God's goodness for us, the door  
is left open for someone else or something  
else to fill it or define it for us**

# Allow yourself to be encourage in the good news every day

## Read

Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; for I am called by Your name, O Lord God of hosts.

Jer. 15:16

## Meditate

I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds.

Ps. 77:12

## Pray

Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

1 John 5:14

# What we experience in this life ⇨ What is true of us in Christ

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Rejection ⇨ Acceptance

Condemned ⇨ Forgiven

Doubt & Uncertainty ⇨ Confident in Him

Hatred ⇨ Loved by Him

Misdirected ⇨ Led into all truth

# Jonah—unwilling

I am a Hebrew; and I fear the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land. (1:9)

Ah, Lord, was not this what I said when I was still in my country? Therefore I fled previously to Tarshish; for I know that You are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, One who relents from doing harm. (4:2)

# Shunamite—willing

I sat down in his shade and with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste. (2:3)

I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, if you find my beloved, that you tell him I am lovesick.

*(their response)* What is your beloved more than another beloved O fairest among women? (5:8,9)

She goes on to describe him and appreciate him in great detail...his head, hair, eyes, cheeks, lips, hands, body, legs and countenance

His mouth is most sweet, yes, he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved, and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem! (5:16)