

Clarify Your Identity

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A. You Belong To Christ

1 Corinthians 3:23 (NASB®)

and **you belong to Christ**; and Christ belongs to God.

1 Corinthians 15:22–23 (NIV®)

²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, **those who belong to him**.

2 Corinthians 10:7 (NIV®)

You are looking only on the surface of things. If anyone is confident that he belongs to Christ, he should consider again that we belong to Christ just as much as he.

Memory Verse

Galatians 3:29 (NIV®)

If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Proclamation

I belong to Christ, I am Abraham's seed and an heir according to the promise!

1 Corinthians 6:19–20 (NIV®)

¹⁹ Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? **You are not your own; ²⁰ you were bought at a price.** Therefore honor God with your body.

Romans 14:7–8 (NIV®)

⁷ For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, **whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord**.

2 Chronicles 20:15 (NIV®) (the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jahaziel)

He said: "Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the Lord says to you: **'Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's.'**"

Proclamation

I am not afraid, I am not discouraged! The battle is not mine, it belongs to God!

B. "In The Heavenly Realms"

1. "In The Heavenly Realms With Every Spiritual Blessing"

Ephesians 1:3–11 (NIV®)

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who **has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ**. ⁴ For he chose us **in him** before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us to be adopted as his sons **through Jesus Christ**, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which **he has freely given us in the One he loves**. ⁷ **In him** we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance

with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. ⁹ And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed **in Christ**, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment—to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ. ¹¹ **In him** we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will,

2. "Seated Him At His Right Hand In The Heavenly Realms"

Ephesians 1:19–23 (NIV®)

¹⁹ ...and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, ²⁰ which he exerted in Christ when **he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms**, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

3. "Seated Us With Him In The Heavenly Realms"

Ephesians 2:6–10 (NIV®)

⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and **seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus**, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us **in Christ Jesus**. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God's workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus** to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

4. "Rulers & Authorities In The Heavenly Realms"

Ephesians 3:9–12 (NIV®)

⁹ ...God, who created all things. ¹⁰ His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to **the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms**, ¹¹ according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished **in Christ Jesus our Lord**. ¹² **In him and through faith in him** we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

5. "Spiritual Forces Of Evil In The Heavenly Realms"

Ephesians 6:10–13 (NIV®)

¹⁰ Finally, be strong **in the Lord** and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world **and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms**. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

Prayer

Almighty God,

You are the Creator and Sustainer of all things. You establish rulers and You remove them. Forgive me for placing my trust in persons or institutions before You. I repent and acknowledge Your authority over my life. Now awaken me to Your plans and purposes, grant me an understanding heart that I may take my place. Lord, look upon Your people with mercy and raise up deliverance from every attack. May it please You to demonstrate Your great power on behalf of those who cry out to You, in Jesus' name, amen.