**Biblical Identity Formation**

As you approach this process we recommend that you print this document to allow space for highlights and note taking. Give yourself a clear space of time, at least 30 minutes, to allow consideration and imagination to be a real part of your process. Working this process with a partner, or small group, can be a great support. Pray and ask the Father to guide you. Be blessed.

Below is an extensive list of scriptures designed to give you abundant resource to identify, understand, and internalize your true identity in Christ. We have brought these scriptures together to enable you to consider and discover the truth of how your Father sees you and who you truly are in Christ. You can use any passage in the Bible to help this process.

1. Read and consider the truths listed here.

2. Identify and highlight those truths that speak to you personally.

3. Meditate on the key words and phrases that stand out to you.

4. Create a one to two sentence statement that clearly speaks to who you are in Christ.

a. Be careful to avoid “doing” statements at this time.

b. Keep your identity statement short and focused on who you are in Christ.

Ex. I am God’s sacred temple, His anointed child, Holy and dearly loved.

Ex. I am a child of the Father, perfectly loved and completely enjoyed.

5. Write out your statement and note the key scripture(s) it comes from. Meditate on it and let it form and reform your personal image of self.

**You Are Loved As You Are**

ROMANS 8:39 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 JOHN 3:1-2 See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

John 17:23 I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

ROMANS 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

GALATIANS 4:7 So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

**You Are Important To God**

PSALM 139:14 praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

JOHN 1:12-13 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God — children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.

ROMANS 8:15-17. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs —heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

1 CORINTHIANS 6:19-20 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

JOHN 15:15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

EPHESIANS 1:4-5 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—

GALATIANS 3:13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.”

ROMANS 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

**You Are Free From Shame, Fear And Condemnation**

ROMANS 8:1-2 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

EPHESIANS 1:7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace

JOHN 8:35-36 Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

**You Are Whole And Complete**

COLOSSIANS 2:9-10  For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority.

1 PETER 2:24  He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.”

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

ROMANS 8:37-39 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**You Have A Future And A Call To Be His Partner**

1 PETER 2:9  But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7 So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

COLOSSIANS 3:12  Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

EPHESIANS 2:10  For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do

2 CORINTHIANS 5:20  We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.

**Review And Simplification**

As you review your Identity Statement ask yourself these questions:

Does it communicate identity?

Does it reflect the heart of God?

Does it flow from intimate relationship with God?

Can you eliminate any words without losing meaning?