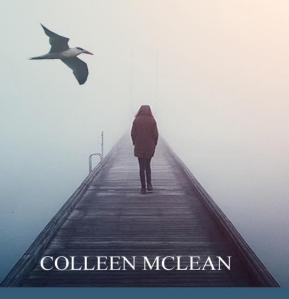
STANDING IN THE TRUTH OF WHO YOU ARE IN GOD!

You have the seat of victory!



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Psalms 119:15-16

"I will meditate on Your precepts, and contemplate Your ways. I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your Word."

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Introduction

This book is about understanding remembering the truth of who you are in God. And thereby overcome every challenging circumstance. However, knowing who you are in God depends on knowing who God is and what He has done; in being found in Him, and knowing the power of His resurrection (Php 3:8-10). Your life as a Christian depends on the indwelling Christ. It is always about God in you. God is still faithful! God will never write you off or put you in the too hard basket, or on the shelf. The great Apostle Peter denied Jesus three times and was absent at the crucifixion. Yet Jesus did not put him on the shelf until his behaviour improved; instead, Peter was commissioned by Jesus to serve God's people (John 21:15–19). I invite you to discover who you are in God and allow the words of the Bible to get past your head and

into your heart, where the Holy Spirit can transform you.





CHAPTER ONE

Knowing God

Christianity is fundamentally about God initiating and His people responding. His passion for His people is for them to know of His great love and sufficiency. God invites us to discover Him, and He ensures that we find Him. So, what we know about Him will affect our lives immeasurably. Everything about God is beyond belief if we look at Him, without accepting His goodness first. Our faith in Him can only go as far as our knowledge of His great eternal love, goodness, grace, mercy and forgiveness.

The second part of Proverbs 25:2 says, "the glory of kings is to search out a matter." We ask, seek, knock as royalty with a sense of adventure and

excitement we find not only our mighty God but ourselves as well.

Mat 7:7-8

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened."

The bottom line is God is the initiator, and we are the responders. God overwhelmingly reveals Himself to us when we seek Him. In other words, our findings are not the result of doing, resolve or cleverness alone. God gives abundantly to those who embrace His invitation to seek Him.

We put ourselves in the driver's seat when we think that it is somehow up to us to initiate things with God. We can only love God because He first loved us. We can only give to others because He first gave to us and we can only forgive others because God first forgave us. We can only pray for others, knowing that He loves people and is not holding out on them because of their rebellion, recklessness or bad habits. We are righteous because he gave us His Righteousness. There is no goodness apart from Him. True Christianity is all about God and His invitation for us to know Him and to know who we are in Him.

We Can Only Love God Because He First Loved Us! In Luke Chapter 7, we find the story of the immoral woman who gatecrashed a dinner party at the house of Simon the Pharisee. She washed the feet of Jesus with her tears, wiped them with her hair, kissed His feet and anointed them with precious ointment. When Simon complained to Jesus about the inappropriateness of her actions Jesus answered with these words—

Luke 7:41-48

"There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing with which to repay,

he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?" Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more." And He said to him, "You have rightly judged. "Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. Therefore, I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little." Then He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" Then He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

We can easily miss a point Jesus is making here—we will love Him more when we realize how much He loves us. When we understand just how much God has done for us, how great is His forgiveness freely given to us? Then our love for Him grows by leaps and bounds; this makes us responders and worshippers who are captivated by His great love for us, like the immoral woman who worshipped at the feet of Jesus.

God Gave Us Himself—He Invites Us to Call Upon Him! God's love for us is unwavering and unconditional, and nothing we do—good or bad will change it. The secret to knowing God is to let the reality of how much He loves us take root in us.

Knowing God is essential to understanding who you are in Him.

This book is mainly about knowing who we are in God so that we can stand and thereby overcome by knowing the truth of our new identity and remembering it. However, knowing who we are in

God depends on knowing who God is and what He has done; in being found in Him, and knowing the power of His resurrection (see Php 3:8–10). The great Apostle Paul compared his earned righteousness, all the acclaim, respect and esteem he carried because of his position as a Hebrew of the Hebrews, a Pharisee of Pharisees, as dung. He flushed his religious life down the drain. Instead, he esteemed the knowledge of Jesus Christ most valuable. He belonged to the Lord Jesus and counted this as the most precious thing in his life (see Php 3:5–11).

Who you are is defined by the One who created you. God has not left us in the dark concerning our new identity. The Bible reveals God's intentions for our lives; He calls things that do not exist as though they did (see Romans 4:17). He counted Abraham as righteous by faith before the cross of Jesus and called him the Father of many nations well before Abraham had a son. God promised, and Abraham believed in the face of barrenness. All we need are

God's promises scattered throughout the Bible for us to find. The One who created us defined our identity, it is all His doing, and we just have to be fully persuaded like Abraham that what God promised He is able to perform (see Romans 4:21).

God has done what you or I could never do, and we get to respond to His unconditional forgiveness and love by knowing, understanding it and believing it. God is the seeker, always the initiator, and the lover of our souls.



CHAPTER TWO

No Fear

In these times, Christians cannot be passive or indifferent, or fearful of an invisible foe or the roaring lion. Why? Because we are endued with power from on high and with authority to stand against our adversary.

1 Peter 5:8

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour."

There is a devil, but he cannot do anything and everything.

He does not have the same attributes as God. God is all-knowing the devil is not, he does not know everything, and he cannot read your mind. He does not know what you think until you open your

mouth, and he can only tell what is on your mind and in your heart by what you say. The devil is not all-powerful—he just cannot devour anyone he likes, nor be everywhere at once, he is also a defeated liar (see John 8:4; see Col 2:15), in other words, a loser. The devil has not grown extra teeth; that is why he has to roar to frighten us. Therefore, nothing is going for him, compared to what we have in Christ. There is nothing to fear here!

Don't buy the lie!

Don't but the lie that says, devastating weather events, calamities, tragedies and sickness is from God as a judgement on the nations because of sin. The Bible declares, "God forgives all our iniquities, heals all our diseases and redeems our lives from destruction. He crowns us with lovingkindness and tender mercies" (see Psalm 103:3–4). Jesus healed all who were sick (see Matt 8:16), took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses (see Matt 8:17), and calmed every life-threatening storm he encountered (see Mark 4:39; 6:51).

Eph 1:3 says,

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ."

We already have everything "in Christ," however; the devil tries to make us think that we do not. God gave everything to Adam and Eve in the Garden. The Loving Father said to the older son "All I have is yours," we have everything in Christ. We have eternal life, the Holy Spirit, all the promises of God, all the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control.

We Have the Seat of Victory!

The Father raised Jesus far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named (see Eph 1:21). When Father God made Jesus to sit down at His Right Hand, we were seated with Jesus (see Eph 2:6), far above Satan and every name that is named. We are

seated now, on the resurrection side, we have passed through the cross, and raised with Christ in victory, where we stand firm against the wiles of the devil without fear. We are, elevated over the powers of darkness and seated in victory. In Christ, nothing can separate us from His love (Rom 8:35), and God has given us armour to strengthen us in Him and *in* the power of His might. 1 John 4:4 says, "You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world." We have every reason to come out winners, every time!

In Jesus, We Have Authority Over the Devil and His Cohorts!

2 Cor 4:4 says the devil is the ruler of this fallen world, but in Christ, we have authority to "trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt us" (Luke 10:19). Psalm 91:13 says, we have the power to "tread upon the lion and the cobra" (Psa 91:13). Jesus said in John 16:33, "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have

peace. In the world, you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." Jesus overcame the world and the ruler of it on our behalf. The world thinks it has everything, but it does not have real peace, nor does it come close to what we are privileged to partake of. The world accuses us of making people feel guilty; however, the only answer it can give to deal with guilt is to condone the sin. We have the answer to guilt in the beautiful grace, mercy, forgiveness through the death and resurrection of Jesus. We also have the sweetest victory you can experience over the ruler of the world.

It Is Our Privilege and Honour to *Enforce* the Victory Won by Jesus.

God does not need us to defeat the devil because Jesus has already done it. Jesus stripped the power the devil once had at Calvary—Col 2:15 says, "Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it." It is our privilege and honour to *enforce* the victory won by Jesus. How do we apply it? By

standing in the victory, that Jesus gave us! Standing against the wiles of the devil (Eph 6:11), withstanding in the evil day (Eph 6:13), and having done all to stand, to stand (Eph 6:13), stand, therefore (Eph 6:14).

How Do We stand?

Our enemy is defeated; therefore, we do not fight; we stand! Standing means that we have already won, the victory is already ours—we stand, therefore, until we get what we are standing there for! We don't fight for victory we stand in victory. We have every reason to come out winners every time. We are to be active players in God's Kingdom, not bystanders who have no choice but to live in fear. We are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His special people, that we may proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvellous light (see 1 Peter 2:9).

We are *in* this world, but we are not of this world (see John 17:16). Yes, there are viral outbreaks all

over the world, and it can be disheartening. Nevertheless, we stand on the Word that declares—

"He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust." Surely, He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler And from the perilous pestilence. He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler" (Psalm 91:1–4).

There are many promises that we can stand on even in these harrowing times. Our adversary does not want those promises firmly birthed in our hearts, and he may try to steal it from us, so let's support and encourage each other to stand in faith and continue to believe God's promises. I want to help you to remember who you are in God, and

whatever your experiences may be, hold on to His Word and STAND against the wiles of the devil.



CHAPTER THREE

God-Given Identity

Our lives as Christians depend on the indwelling Christ. It is always about God in us because we have been forgiven, adopted, justified, reconciled and sanctified. We may sin from time to time; however, we remain forgiven, and we never lose our adoption. God is always faithful! The Bible is full of amazing stories of ordinary people who simply trusted God, despite their failures, achieved remarkable things. God will never write you off or put you in the too hard basket, or on the shelf. The great Apostle Peter denied Jesus three times and was absent at the crucifixion. Yet Jesus did not put him on the shelf until his behaviour improved. After the Resurrection of Jesus, the angel at the tomb said to Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, "Go, tell His disciples—and

Peter" (Mark 16:7). Peter was still loved, forgiven and accepted. Luke 24:33–34 says, "So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" God restored Peter and placed him in a leadership position. Oh, what a mighty God we have! Nothing we've ever done and nothing we could ever do can cause God to turn His back on us!

Our Actions Will Line Up with What We Believe About Ourselves.

Knowing our identity in Jesus is vital to living in a new and living way. Our actions will line up with what we believe about ourselves. We have a unique identity in Christ. We are the righteousness of God in Christ, no longer slaves to sin. We are His sons and daughters; His workmanship, our life is in Him, and our destination is in Him. The New Testament calls you a saint 63 times (1 Corinthians 1:1–2), however calling us saints does not have anything to do with our actions, but to our identity.

Sometimes we just have to believe what the Bible says. It has everything to do with who God says we are and what He has done. We are set apart by God, and it is all His doing. Hebrews 10:10 says—"By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."

Knowing this stunning truth then, we become motivated to live saintly lives. We will act more and more like the person we are. We will see one another in the same way. Our God-given identity (who we are) has to affect our relationships with others.

My purpose here is to inspire you to live out your Christian walk with boldness, which comes from knowing your true identity so that you can pursue your destiny, and maintain the victory won for you by Jesus on a day-by-day basis. Condemnation, depression, and confusion will not be able to bring you down when you know your righteous identity in Christ. If you see yourself as a failure, you will

end up behaving like a failure. If you see yourself as a righteous son or daughter of the Most High King, then you will end up acting like a one, even when you fail.

Knowing who you are in God gives you the motivation to overcome! Your weapons in the battle for your mind are in God's Word, and they are mighty to overthrow every lie wrong belief you might have about yourself. You are a forever forgiven child of God. In God's eyes, you are righteous, holy and beloved all the time.

According to Galatians 5:24, Jesus is your new identity—"And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires." You are a new creation—the old is gone the new has come (see 2 Corinthians 5:17), and in Christ, there is no condemnation (see Romans 8:1).

At the baptism of Jesus, God affirmed Jesus by saying "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well

pleased." However, when the devil came to tempt Jesus, he said: "If You are the Son of God..." If you know for sure that you are a 'beloved' child of God, you can be victorious every time the devil comes to tempt you to doubt who you are. Jesus did not have to prove who He was, secure in His identity He replied, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD.' " (Matt 4:4). God sees you in Christ, and in Christ, you belong to God, you are His child in whom He is well pleased.

At this point, Jesus had not performed any miracles, yet the Father was well pleased with Him. It was not because of what Jesus did but because of who He was. It is the same for us—we do not have to perform to please God. We just have to believe who we are in Him.

Hebrew 11:6

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."

You are a beloved child of Almighty God, accepted, forgiven and seated in heavenly places in Christ because God sent His only beloved Son to redeem you from the penalty and punishment of sin. The Good News of the Gospel of grace is God's love for you is unconditional, which means it has nothing to do with your performance, but everything to do with who God is, who you are in Him and how God sees you. As God looks at you, He does not seek to find out if you have measured up to His standards, nor does He judge, He sees you in Christ. So, if we see ourselves as God sees us, then our lives will be transformed.



SECTION TWO Mnemonics—Mastering Your Memory

Mnemonics is a way of mastering your memory, and what better way to do it than with crucial Scriptures from the Bible, which speak of who you are. Scriptures, when understood, believed, and absorbed, can radically change you to become what God has destined you to be. Embark on this fun way to memorize Scripture; you will be amazed at how quickly and easily you can recall significant scriptures.

When David, as a boy faced the giant Goliath, he was armed with knowledge and a good memory, as well as five smooth stones. He knew some essential truths that helped him face a man of whom everyone was afraid. Firstly, David knew

who God was. Secondly, he knew his position in God, and thirdly he knew about his enemy.

If you know God and know who you are (in God) and can identify the wiles of the devil, then the devil cannot deceive you, or taunt you like Goliath did to the Israelites (1 Samuel 17).

You have to not only know who you are and understand who God is but remember it as well, so you can use the Shield of Faith and the Sword of the Spirit against the enemy and experience the victory that is already yours. Sometimes the most powerful enemy is yourself, so do some seriously severe self-talking.

This section is all about embracing the truth of who you are, and remembering it, so you can do that self-talking and pull yourself up and get back on the track again. So, you can tell the devil that you don't play his games anymore.

SCRIPTURE PICTURES



I created "Scripture Pictures" in a time when I struggled with who I was primarily in the church. I knew I was born for more than what my experience was. In reality, my experience did not line up with what I found in the Bible, so I set out to convince myself that what God said about me was true. Then at least I would know for sure and not be easily deceived or manipulated by the lies of the enemy. Like Abraham, I became fully persuaded that what God promised—He was also able to perform (Romans 4:21).

The More You Embrace The reality of Who You Are, the More Real It Becomes!

So, who are you? You are who God says you are, and the Bible is full of beautiful scriptures that reveal your true identity in God. The more you embrace the reality of who you are, the more real it becomes. The more it becomes real to you, the more your mind renews and the more you will see yourself as God sees you. It is when you see yourself the way God created you to be that you

can know God as He is. If you let these truths fill your mind and your heart, you will change and be the person God created you to be.

The following section is to help you remember crucial scriptures that speak of your new identity in God. Above remember that God is good, He is the lover of your soul, He is accessible, and He is a promise keeper.



Mnemonics

John 15:16

"You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you and ordained you that you should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatever you shall ask of the Father in My name, He may give it to you."



You are not our own; God has chosen you; not because you are special but because His goodness has chosen and ordained you. That should make you special. Now you can ask the Father in Jesus Name that He may give it to you. You can bring forth fruit, and this fruit will stay.

Romans 6:18

"Then being made free from sin, you became the slaves of righteousness."

Romans 6:18
I am a slave of

I am a slave of Righteousness (Romans 6:18)

Sin no longer has dominion over you. You are free not to sin. Do you understand this? You have POWER over sin. The good guys win! Notice here there is no middle ground; it is slave to sin or slave to righteousness.

Rom 6:22

"But now, being made free from sin, and having become slaves to God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end everlasting life."

Now you are free from sin and free to serve God and live a holy life. Ahh, it is so good!

Romans 8:15

"For you have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption by which we cry, Abba, Father!"



It is a FACT! God adopted you at your new birth, and you are protected and watched over carefully. There is nothing to compare to the love of the Father for his children. That is, YOU! That is who you are—a child of God.

Galatians 3:26

"For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus."

Galatians 4:6

"And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father."



God expects you to move from being a child of His to a mature son which entitles you all the rights of the first-born son, and it is only by faith in God's First Born Son, Jesus. Yep! Even if you were born a girl, you are expected by God to mature as any good son would with full rights to the inheritance. Someone shout, Amen!

Romans 8:17

"And if we are children, then we are heirs; heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ; so that if we suffer with Him, we may also be glorified together."



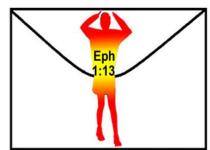
As sons, you are a joint heir with Jesus. But wait! Does that mean that we suffer too? Yes, you know Jesus went to the cross to get His inheritance, we must go through the cross also; there is no other way. We must accept Jesus Christ as our Savior and leave our sin, misery, torment, sickness, and bad attitudes behind on the cross and be raised a new person, white as snow, victorious and triumphant over sin and addictions. Can you hear me clapping?

Ephesians 1:13

"in whom also you, hearing the Word of Truth, the gospel of our salvation, in whom also believing, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise"

2 Corinthians 1:22 "who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a quarantee."

2 Corinthians 1:20
"For all the promises of God in Him are yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God by us."



I am sealed with the Holy Spirit of Promise. (Ephesians 1:13).

God sealed you with the Holy Spirit. The deal was sealed with God the Holy Spirit, guaranteeing your salvation. You are a marked person, stamped with God's approval.

1 Corinthians 6:19

"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit in you, whom you have of God? And you are not your own."

1 Corinthians 3:16

"Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?"



BTW here is some trivia for you; Paul the Apostle asked this question 13 times in various Epistles. I think he wanted you to remember who you are. You are a carrier of God. God is ever-present in you. Amazing! The

Creator of the Universe lives in you!

2 Corinthians 5:17

"So that if anyone is in Christ, that one is a new creature; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

Let us get this settled! If you have God in you, your old life is gone. It is only a memory, and therefore it has no hold on you. It has gone for good, dead, and buried. But there is more!



You also receive a new life to take its place. Brand new, and that means, a new and living way, and it is all yours in Jesus Christ. It is the truth, and it is free! No wonder the gospel is called the Good News. It truly is a new and living way.

Ephesians 2:10

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to good works, which God has before ordained that we should walk in them."



Paul the Apostle is writing about the new you, which was created by God for God works, which He has already worked out. You are not saved by works but saved to do good/God works. Somehow it all works out for your good.

God indescribably fashions the new you. Nothing is left out or forgotten. The detail is perfect, and it is all you. Walk in it! Discover it! Rejoice in it!

Ephesians 4:24

"And you should put on the new man, who according to God was created in righteousness and true holiness."



I am righteous and holy. (Ephesians 4:24)

Put on the new you, the born again you, the real you with God living inside. The born again you created in righteousness and true holiness, can be put on. This is too good to be true. But this time it is true! Absolutely TRUE!

So, what does that mean in plain language? Righteousness means after the image of God and holiness is not pretend humility but real cleanness of heart and mind.

Ephesians 2:6

"and has raised us up together and made us sit together in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus,"

Philippians 3:20

"For our citizenship is in Heaven, from which also we are looking for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,"



God in His mercy took away the old you, seated you with His Victorious Son in heavenly places on high and made a new you. The 'new you' is alive to God.

Colossians 3:1-2

"If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God. Be mindful of things above, not on things on the earth."

How can we neglect so great a salvation? Think high!

Colossians 3:3

"For you died, and your life has been hidden with Christ in God."



The old you died it is as dead as you want it to be, and now the real you is safely hidden with Jesus in God, you are safe.

Ephesians 1:1

"Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints who are in Ephesus, and faithful in Christ Jesus."



I am a saint. (Ephesians 1:1)

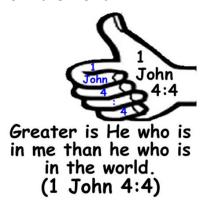
Philippians 1:1

"Paul and Timothy, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons."

The saints in Ephesus who Paul was writing to were alive. Paul addressed the Corinthian believers as saints, and they were famous for immorality. Oh, Hallelujah someone pinch me, you are alive, and you are already a saint!

1 John 4:4

"You are of God, little children, and you have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world."



God who lives in you is mightier than Satan in every respect. That says that you win because the Victor is in you. Astounding! Think about it—God who made the Universe lives in me and you.

There is no victory without a battle or a battler. You fight not in your power but in the power of the One who lives in you because He is greater than you as well.

Ephesians 3:16

"that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man;"



You are strengthened with might by the Holy Spirit. You have strength when you need it to do what God has sent you to do. You are boosted with intensity for the God-life you get to live! BooM! So, go and give it legs.

Revelation 12:11

"And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb, and because of the word of their testimony. And they did not love their soul until death."



I am an overcomer by the Blood of the Lamb. (Revelation 12:11)

The Blood of Jesus redeemed you. By His death on the cross, you can be an over-comer of anything. There are four things at work here—grace, faith, the Blood of Jesus, and you. Overcome because you can!

Psalm 23:4

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me."



I fear no evil for God is with me. His rod and staff comfort me. (Psalm 23:4)

There is nothing to fear if you have Jesus living in you. Simple really! Jesus said, in Matthew 10:28-31—"And do not fear those who kill the body but are not able to kill the soul. But rather fear Him who can destroy

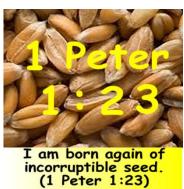
both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for an assarion? And one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Therefore, do not fear, you are of more value than many sparrows."

You do not have to fear man. God will take care of you and them. He will never leave you nor forget you, nor forsake you. NEVER!

1 Peter 1:23

"having been born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, through the living Word of God, and abiding forever."

Incorruptible means not able to be made to be corrupt and not subject to decay. The seed, which is the Word of God placed in you, cannot undergo corruption, and it lives forever. That makes you



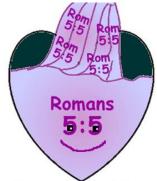
(1 Peter 1:23)
equal to every other

someone. That makes you equal to every other believer, male or female, because it is the same seed. That seed cannot be bribed or put down. It is incapable of doing anything sinful.

You are someone; God knew you before you were born (Psalm 139:13). You are born again of incorruptible seed through the living Word of God. Tell yourself you are born again of incorruptible seed and like the Word inside you can endure.

Romans 5:5

"And hope does not make us ashamed, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us."



The love of God has been poured out in my heart. (Romans 5:5)

Does this mean what we hope for we will get? Yes! If what you hope for lines up with what God says about you. Why? Because the love of God has been poured out in your heart, you full of the love of God, can you feel it? That is how you know God is real. Then you love Him back because He first loved you. Now that is something to hope for!

Romans 5:1

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ".

Galatians 3:11

"But that no one is justified by the Law in the sight of God is clear, for, "The just shall live by faith."

Romans 3:28

"Therefore, we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the works of the Law."



You have peace with God, through Jesus, and it is all by faith alone. Nothing else—just by believing.

Romans 8:37

"But in all these things we more than conquer through Him who loved us."



Absolutely nothing can get between God's love for you because it has already been achieved and cannot be lost. God expects you to conquer whatever comes along. He says you are not a loser but a conqueror. What do you say? "I conquer through God, who loves me." That's it!

Colossians 2:10

"And you are complete in Him, who is the Head of all principality and power,"



I am complete in Jesus. (Colossians 2:10)

God filled you with Himself, His everlasting love, and the Holy Spirit; you are complete in Him. Simple really! You have forgiveness, you are justified, you are clean, you are complete, and you are full of grace. Pat yourself on the back!

You are just as much complete as the next Christian, so give them a pat on the back too.

2 Timothy 1:7

"For God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."



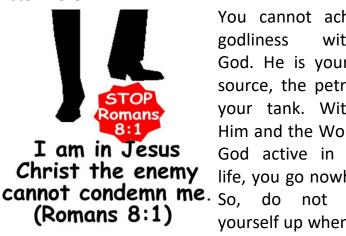
I have the spirit of power and of love and of a sound mind.

(2 Timothy 1:7)

God cannot give you a spirit of fear because He does not have it to give away. But he does have "power and love, a sound mind" and a good memory and he gives it unconditionally. You can speak and act right in all things you encounter if you want to.

Romans 8:1

"There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit." Listen here.



You cannot achieve godliness without God. He is your life source, the petrol in vour tank. Without Him and the Word of God active in your life, you go nowhere. yourself up when you

fail. You are in Christ, Jesus forever. The laws of the land cannot make you right, but Jesus already made you perfectly righteous by the cross, and now believe it and walk in it. So, pick yourself up, dust yourself off and tell the enemy he cannot condemn you because you are in Jesus, and Jesus is in you. BooM!

1 Peter 2:24

"He Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that dying to sins, we might live to righteousness; by whose stripes you were healed."



Matthew 8:17
"so that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, "He took on Himself our weaknesses and bore our sicknesses."

Jesus' wounds became your healing. This is your life! Jesus suffered it all for you. He took your sin, your sicknesses, your diseases, your grief, your sorrow, your pain, your hurt and your mental illness, on Himself when He was crucified and said: "It is finished!" "I've done it for you!" He took your punishment too. WoW!

Isaiah 43:1

"But now so says the LORD who created you, O Jacob, and He who formed you, O Israel; Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; you are Mine."



I am called by my name I am His. (Isaiah 43:1)

God has chosen you, created you. He formed you, redeemed you, called out your name, and adopted you, so don't be afraid. When God calls you by name, you are a special friend of His. He invites you to a high calling, and it is for you. Will you take it up? Go on, have a go! You have everything to gain and nothing to lose.

Isaiah 61:3

"to appoint to those who mourn in Zion, to give to them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the mantle of praise for the spirit of heaviness; so that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of Jehovah, that He might be glorified."



I am called a tree of righteousness. I am the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified.
(Isaiah 61:3).

You are planted by God so that you can be strong, straight and grafted onto the True Vine, so spread your branches and bloom. God will plant you with roots that go deep in Jesus Christ so that He might be glorified! That's you! The planting of the Lord!

1 Corinthians 15:57

"But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."



But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:57)

Ahh! There is nothing like a victory! Winners are grinners! But there is no victory without a battle. But thanks be to God. Always remember to say Thanks to God every time you say no to sin and win. Jesus achieved victory over every sin so that we could enjoy the triumphant life. He smashed the power of sin and disease and sickness and rose victorious at His Resurrection. Jesus, the Superhero of all time! Victorious and triumphant!

1 Peter 2:9

"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for possession, so that you might speak of the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvellous

Royal

light; "



Chosen

I am a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a person for possession, by God. (1 Peter 2:9)

Getting serious now, this Scripture is BIG!

We are God's chosen people. Woman and man, girl, and boy, equally selected by God as royalty, as a holy nation, all a people to speak His praises. I hope you can understand the enormity and power in this Scripture. Why would God do this? So that we would speak His praises, worship Him in Spirit and Truth and let His marvellous light shine in a world of darkness

Philippians 1:6

"being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ,"

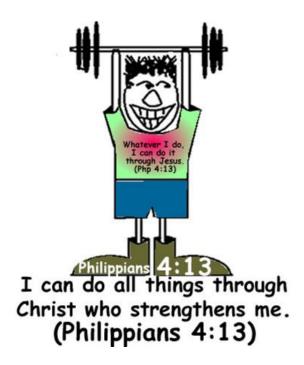


God will complete the work He began in me. (Philippians 1:6)

God will complete and perform the good work he began in you, so it is best if you cooperate with Him along the way. You can be sure, and you can be confident that whatever God begins He brings to a perfect end. The work of God in you is incredible and to be sought after, pleaded for and jealously guarded. It will make your heart burst with love. Oh, what an exciting life to walk with God. Let God take you on the ride of your life today.

Philippians 4:13

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."



By believing and allowing God's grace/ability to flow, you can do all things through Christ who strengthens you.

Philippians 3:14

"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."



I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:14)

Just forget all things that are behind you and press toward the next target. You cannot get to the high calling of God without running the race or pressing toward it. So, go for it, and keep going. Through Christ, you can do all things because He strengthens you. YEAH!

Psalm 119:105

"Your Word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path."

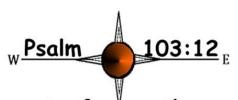


Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. (Psalm 119:105).

Make the Word of God found in the Bible a map for your life, and you will be equipped to do what He has called you to do. Reading the Word of God will prevent you from stumbling as it is a light to your path. Pick it up and carry it with you, read it and let God speak to you. Hallelujah!

Psalm 103:12

"As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our sins from us."



As far'as the east is from the west, so far have my sins been removed from me. (Psalm 103:12).

Pay attention here!

As far as could be, your sins have been removed from you. Is this Good News or what? When you believed in Jesus, your sins past and future were forgiven, removed from you, and they cannot affect you anymore. Now it is just as if you had never sinned.

This is too good to be true, but it is TRUE! I feel like dancing!

Psalm 91:1

"He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall rest under the shadow of the Almighty."



The secret place of the Most High is under His shadow. God is able and reachable; so close, so safe, so Mmmmmm! He is a loving Father who longs for an intimate friendship with you. Yes, you! You can live there all the time.

Psalm 91:11

"For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep You in all Your ways."



God gives his angels charge over me. He keeps me in all my ways. (Psalm 91:11).

What a remarkable promise, God tells His angels to watch over you wherever you go. Notice here that the Scripture says, angels. That is plural. You have more than one keeping you in all your ways.

Psalm 91:9-10

"Because you have said, I am in the hands of the Lord, the Most High is my safe resting-place; No evil will come on you, and no disease will come near your tent." Psalm 118:17

"I shall not die, but live and declare the works of Jehovah."



I shall not die, but live and declare the works of the Lord. (Psalm 118:17).

You can believe in living to old age, and you do not have to die sick, you can die healthy. You can live a life of commitment to God and His ways and find fulfilment in His service that cannot be found in any other place; vibrant, enthusiastic, and energetic in His service. What a beautiful life! I love it. You can too, so go for it!

Deuteronomy 31:6

"Be strong and of a good courage. Do not fear nor be afraid of them. For Jehovah your God is He who goes with you. He will not fail you nor forsake you."



Be courageous, strong, and fearless. There is nothing to fear here! Why? Because God goes before you and beside you and in fact inside you, and He will never leave you. Be brave!

Romans 8:28

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."



"I am anxious for nothing." Easy to say but hard to do so take courage as things somehow will work out for your good, as you love God with all your heart because He first loved you. John 10:10

"The thief does not come except to steal and to kill and to destroy. I have come so that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

Jesus said these words while He was telling a story about Himself, saying that He was the Gate for the sheep to go through, but some thieves want to steal the sheep away. However, the sheep did not listen



I have life and have it abundantly. (John 10:10).

to the voice of the thieves. Jesus said I am the Gate; if you go through me, you will be cared for and have abundant life. John 10:14

"I am the Good Shepherd, and I know those that are Mine, and I am known by those who are Mine".

Jesus is the Good Shepherd; he will not let you down. Trust in Him!

1 Peter 5:7

"casting all your anxiety onto Him, for He cares for you."



Go on, throw all your cares and concerns at God, and allow Him to pick them up. Why? Because He really and truly cares for you and if He knows the number of hairs on your head, then He knows your woes. He knew you before you were born, and He knows you now. God is concerned about everything you are worried about, and God is big enough to carry all your anxieties.

Cast your care on Him for He cares for you! God knows your woes! He gives you rest from your mess!

Romans 14:17

"for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit."

Jump for joy joy!



I have righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. (Romans 14:17).

Your life in God is not about doing stuff but in being. In being forgiven, having peace with God, and having joy. In knowing that the power of the Holy Spirit works in you and understanding, His grace is sufficient for you. Can you hear me puffing? This is true religion, not the outward life of performing but real-life working deep inside you. Jump for joy!

2 Corinthians 5:7 "for we walk by faith, not by sight."



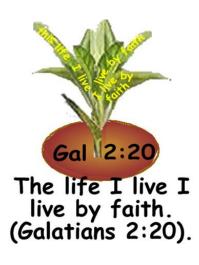
I walk by faith and not by sight. (2 Corinthians 5:7)

If you only look at and listen to all the bad news on TV, you will become blind to all the good things God has provided for you. The alternative is to live your life with confidence and not let things get you down. Walking by faith and not by what you see will catapult you to the heights of being a victorious Christian. You will be well-pleasing to God because that is what pleases Him. Oh Yeah!

To walk is to be moving, forever onwards and upwards by faith. It is not as hard as you think.

Galatians 2:20

"I have been crucified with Christ, and I live; yet no longer I, but Christ lives in me. And that life I now live in the flesh, I live by faith toward the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself on my behalf."



The power of the cross in your life is such that it kills your yucky bits and lets you live in a new and living way, all clean and fresh. But this new life is to be lived by faith, not by religion and all its laws.

The life you must live now is all by faith in the Son of God, who loves you so much He gave Himself for you. You see, faith is the link that connects you to your new life. Now you can live it to the full.

2 Corinthians 9:10

"Now He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for eating, may He supply and multiply your seed, and increase the fruits of your righteousness."

Now keep your hat

on! This Scripture says God supplies us with money, talents, opportunities, and open doors so we

provide

others. God supplies

seed to the sower:

in other words, God

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God supplies seed to the sower and bread for eating. (2 Corinthians 9:10)

supplies cash to the giver of money. He also satisfies your needs, and if you are sowing, He will increase your good works, and everyone will have plenty, and then they give out of that and then it gets bigger and bigger. This is BIG! Try giving and see what happens. Have a go! It is fun! It is always more fun to give than to receive.

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Philippians 4:19

"But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."



Here it is again—God supplies all your need. The Philippians provided for Paul's needs, and God provided what the Philippians needed. God will never let you live without supplies, and He gives it according to His riches. I hope you understand this. Naturally, it goes like this—you give, and God gives to you even more, yep multiplied!

1Timothy 6:17

"Charge the rich in this world that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, He offering to us richly all things to . ."

> 1 Timothy 6:17

enjoy,"

I do not trust in uncertain riches, but in the Living God.
(1 Timothy 6:17)

Trust in God is the best way to go in all circumstances. Hoping in the Living God is an excellent way to go also. It is God who offers to us all things to enjoy. Just trust God because He is God. Trust God only because everything else is a dead end. God can do what riches cannot do because He has already done it, and He never changes. People change all the time so trust only in God. OK?

2 Corinthians 8:9

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, for your sakes He became poor, in order that you might be made rich through

His poverty."

Jesus became poor, in order that I might be made rich in Him.
(2 Corinthians 8:9)

Salvation

Jesus is the Creator of the whole Universe; that is super-rich if you ask me! But he laid it all down; He became poor, He left Heaven and became a servant and humbled Himself even to die on a cross. Why? That we might have the inheritance, that we might be productive with the Holy Spirit, grace and mercy. If this does not make you happy, then nothing will. This is superhero stuff. Jesus is my hero, my Savior, my Redeemer, and my Lord. How about you? Is He the same to you?

Ephesians 3:20

"Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,"



the By mighty working of the Holy Spirit in you, God can do more than could imagine. You see, it takes three things—you, the Holy that He has promised

to do, will be done according to what He has done, and it will be done by the power of the Holy Spirit working in you. Get filled with the Holy Spirit today. Ask God to baptize you in the Holy Spirit. Or ask someone to lay hands on you for it or go to a spiritfilled church and see how it works. It is not too hard; you need the power that works in you! You need fuel in your tank!

Hebrews 10:23

"Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering for He is faithful who promised"



I hold fast the profession of my faith without wavering for He is faithful who promised. (Hebrews 10:23)

Hold fast, standing in the knowledge of how God sees you because you have the seat of victory. In Jesus, you have authority over the devil and his cohorts! Hold fast without wavering because you are endued with power from on high. God is faithful, and He promised, and He will not ever abandon you.

I hope these "Scripture Pictures" help you remember who you are in God and whatever your experiences may be, hold on to His Word and STAND against the wiles of the devil. God is faithful!

Much love Colleen

