

Who You ARE in CHRIST

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Jesus Christ is the core of our existence. That fact gives us an identity which is much greater than most Christians acknowledge! Consider some of the thrilling family traits that you received by being born into the family and placed into Christ.

1. You are a saint.

The New Testament calls believers “saints” sixty three times. This doesn’t mean that you live a sinless lifestyle, but that God has set you apart and placed the nature of Christ within you.

2. You are a divine work of art.

“We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus” (Ephesians 2:10). The word “workmanship” is the Greek word *poema*, from which we get the English

word “poem”. God has made you to be a heavenly piece of poetry on this earth.

3. You are righteous and holy.

You have received the gift of righteousness (Romans 5:17). The Lord Jesus *is* your righteousness. When you received Him, your spirit was filled with righteousness. What you are at the spirit level determines your real identity.

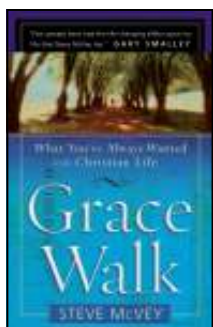
4. You are fully accepted by God.

You are accepted because you are *in Christ* (Ephesians 1:6). Because Christ has received you and He is fully accepted by the Father, you are fully accepted as well!! You don’t need to change a thing about yourself for God to accept you. Your acceptance isn’t based on what you do, but on who you are.

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The principles in this fact sheet are excerpted from Steve McVey’s book, ***Grace Walk***.



Steve McVey was a successful pastor, but knew something was missing in his Christian walk. The harder he tried to please God, the more unfulfilled he felt. In terms of denominational evaluation, he had been a successful pastor for 17 years. He felt that he was on his way to all that is bigger and better.

Moving to a new church, he labored to make it grow and prosper. Steve soon discovered that those things that brought success at his previous church, didn’t work at his new pastorate. What

had gone wrong?

In his book, Grace Walk, you will learn how Steve discovered a much better way to live. He found fulfillment by putting his own self-sufficiency aside and allowing Christ to live through him. You will discover how walking in grace is quite different from Christian legalism. Abiding in Christ is much more than a pleasant phrase... it is a lifestyle of daily identity in Jesus Christ.



These are just the tip of the iceberg! You may be thinking, "But I don't feel like a saint. I don't think of myself as a heavenly poem. I sure don't act very righteous and holy. I don't feel accepted by God." I know how you feel. But you must decide whether you are going to trust what you feel or what God has said in His word. Satan has caused many Christians to believe that they are not really new persons in Christ. He tells them that they should try to act like

new creations because that is their Christian duty. But that is not at all what God says. He says that you are a new creation. When you come to believe that fact by faith, you won't feel a need to act. You can just be yourself, allowing the nature of Christ within your spirit to flow through your personality and out of your life, like a river of living water that Jesus talked about that flows from one's innermost being.

Hi, I'm Steve McVey, President of Grace Walk Ministries, and we are thrilled that you have let us send you these proven, biblical principles that will help you understand who you are in Christ.

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