

5. I am fully capable.

“You are royal priests...chosen to tell about the wonderful acts of God, who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”

(1 Peter 2:9NCV)

“The capacity we have comes from God: it is he who made us capable of serving the new covenant....”

(2 Cor. 3:5-6TEV)

- **Because Christ lives in me.**

“I can do everything through Christ who gives me strength.”

(Phil. 4:13)

II. Defending my True Identity

1. Realize it's been stolen
2. Alert anyone who can help minimize the damage.
3. Close any accounts that have been compromised or created on a false basis.
4. Take control of your identity and change the things you can.
5. Stay alert and defend your identity.

Identity Theft

Part 4

“Learning and Defending my True Identity in Christ”

I. God's View of Me: In Christ...

“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. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.”

(1 Peter 2:9-10NIV)

1. I am completely accepted

“You have been chosen by God himself”

(1 Peter 2:9LB)

- **Because God chose me before everything.**

“He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world,”

(Ephesians 1:4)

- **Because Jesus made me acceptable.**

“Jesus treated us much better than we deserve. He made us acceptable to God and gave us the hope of eternal life.”

(Titus 3:7CEV)

2. I am extremely valuable.

“You are a Holy nation, a people Belonging to God.”

(I Peter 2:9)

“You are a people holy to the Lord your God...His treasured possession.”

(Deut. 7:6NIV)

“God says, ‘You are precious to me.’”

(Isaiah 43:4TEV)

- **Because God is my Father.**

“Look at the birds...God feeds them and you are far more valuable to Him than any birds!”

(Luke 12:24NLT)

- **Because Jesus gave his life for me.**

“You have been bought and paid for by Christ, so you belong to Him...”

(I Cor. 7:23LB)

3. I am eternally loved.

“once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God.”

(I Peter 2:10)

“I have loved you, my people, with an everlasting love. With unfailing love I have drawn you to myself.”

(Jeremiah 31:3NLT)

- **Because God is love**

“God’s love is eternal and His faithfulness lasts forever.”

(Psalm 100:5TEV)

4. I am totally forgiven.

“at one time you did not know God’s mercy, but now you have received His mercy.”

(I Peter 2:10TEV)

“There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ.”

(Romans 8:1)

- **Because it’s in God’s nature to forgive.**

“I am the God who forgives your sins, and I do this because of who I am. I will not hold your sin against you.”

(Isaiah 43:25TEV)

- **Because Jesus paid for my sins.**

“For by the blood of Christ we are set free, that is, our sins are forgiven. How great is the grace of God.”

(Ephesians 1:7TEV)