

You Are What God Says You Are

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The Bible is packed full of promises. Every one is true. God will do what He said.

But many of the positive passages of The Scriptures we usually think of as promises are not promises at all. They are statements of fact. They declare what is true of every believer in Jesus Christ right now.

God's Word is the truth. What God says about us is the truth. Any time we think or speak about ourselves in a way that does not harmonize with what the Bible says about us, we are not thinking and speaking correctly. As a result, we believe the wrong things about ourselves. To believe correctly, we must think correctly; to think correctly, we must think biblically. In other words, you are what God says you are.

If you know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, you are saved (Ephesians 2:5, 8). That means right now. You are a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17); born again (1 Peter 1:23); washed, sanctified, justified (1 Corinthians 6:11).

There is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1). You are set free (Galatians 5:1). You have eternal life (John 5:24). Christ lives in you (Galatians 2:28). You are a son of God (1 John 3:1, 2), an heir of God and a joint-heir with Christ (Romans 8:17).

And there is more, much more.

As a believer in Christ, you are "kept by the power of God through faith" (1 Peter 1:5). Sin shall not have dominion over you because you overcome the world (1 John 5:4, 5). God always causes you to triumph in Christ (2 Corinthians 2:14). You are more than a conqueror through Him (Roman 8:37).

Remember, these are statements of fact. If you are a true Christian, you *are* more than a conqueror--whether you feel like it or not. You are because God says you are. So believe what you are, say what you are, and live what you are.

Moreover, you are blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ (Ephesians 1:3). You are enriched in everything by Him (1 Corinthians 1:5). You are

complete in Him (Colossians 2:10). His divine power has given you all things that pertain to life and godliness through the knowledge of Him who has called you by glory and virtue (2 Peter 1:3).

Because you are in Christ, the wicked one does not touch you (1 John 5:18). Your inner man is being renewed day by day (2 Corinthians 4:16). You are always confident (2 Corinthians 5:6).

By His stripes you were healed (1 Peter 2:24). You have "a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" (2 Corinthians 5:1) because your citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:20).

All these statements of fact apply to all who truly believe in Jesus Christ. And they are only a few of the marvelous things that God says about His chosen ones.

God wants you to know everything that you are and everything that you have in Christ. He wants you to believe it, to act on it, to live up to it. He wants your life in Him to be abundant. He wants you to be full of joy.