"My True Identity In Christ"

Salvation is a two-sided coin. Side "A" is Jesus Christ comes into the believer and Side "B" is the believer comes into Jesus Christ. There are several scriptures to document both positions. It is not an either/or situation, it is both/and. There are approximately ten scriptures that talk about the believer's being in Christ to every one scripture referring to Christ's being in the believer. The position of the believer's being in Christ obviously has the greater emphasis, yet it seems that many Christians emphasize the former truth and overlook the latter.

The section below contains some of those scriptures describing those who are in Christ. Take note of who you are and what you are in Him. Some have called these "positional" truths (implying that this is the way it will be in the sweet by and by; it's "just the position in which God see us.") We believe this is just a subtle way of saying that they aren't worth much to us at this point, but after we die they will suddenly become a reality. God's Word says that the believer is in Christ and He ascribes certain characteristics to "any man in Christ." If God says that's the way it is, then that's the way it is right now--present-day REALITY!!! Christian faith is simply looking at things through God's eyes and agreeing with Him. This will then begin to control our performance and we can experience a victorious walk.

In Christ, I am:		(scripture references are in KJV)
Justified and redeemed (already)	Rom.3:24	Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus
Old "self" was killed (crucified)	Rom. 6:6	Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin
Not condemned (my performance is condemned when I don't trust in His life through me, but God does not condemn the performer, just the performance)	Rom. 8:1	There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit
Free from law (of sin and death)	Rom. 8:2	For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death
Accepted (all my life I've sought to be acceptednow I am!)	Rom. 15:7	Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God
Sanctified (holy, set apart)	Cor. 1:2	Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours
Have wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, redemption (I am ransomed, restored to favor)	1 Cor. 1:30	But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, Who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption
Alive (formerly dead)	1 Cor. 15:22	For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive

Always leads us in His triumph (whether it appears so or not)	2 Cor. 2:14	Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of His knowledge by us in every place
My hardened mind is removed	2 Cor 3: 14	But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the Old Testament; which veil is done away in Christ
A New Creature (even though I don't always feel or act like it)	2 Cor. 5:17	Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new
The righteousness of God (you can't get "more righteous" than this)	2 Cor. 5:21	For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him
Have liberty	Gal. 2:4	And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage
All are one (not inferior)	Gal. 3:28	There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus
A son and an heir	Gal. 4:7	Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ
Blessed with every spiritual blessing in Heaven	Eph. 1:3	Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ
Chosen, holy, and blameless before God	Eph. 1:4	According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love
Redeemed, Forgiven	Eph. 1:7	In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace
Have obtained an inheritance	Eph. 1:10-11	That in the dispensation of the fulness of times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him: In Whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him Who worketh all things after the counsel of His own

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Sealed with the Spirit (a sealed unit)	Eph. 1:13	In Whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in Whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise
Seated in heaven	Eph. 2:6	And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus
Created for good performance (and I can let Christ live through me to perform it)	Eph. 2: 10	For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them
Have been brought near (to God)	Eph.2:13	But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ
A partaker of the promise	Eph. 3:6	That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ by the gospel
Have boldness and confident access to God (not slinking as a "whipped dog")	Eph. 3:12	In Whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of Him
A member of His body (not Inferior)	Eph.5:30	For we are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones
Peace of God guards my heart and mind (not a feeling, but a belief)	Phil: 4:7	And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus
Have all needs (not greeds) supplied	Phil. 4:19	But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus
Complete (perfect)	Col. 2: 10	And ye are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality and power
Raised up with Him	Col. 3: 1	If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God
My life is hidden with Christ in God	Co1.3:3	For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God