



15 Ways Jesus Identifies You

As we talked about in chapter four of *A Wife's Secret to Happiness*, it's easy for us to burden ourselves with identities and labels that Christ never intended for us to carry—especially in our marriages.

See, long before the “first comes love, then comes marriage” checklist, first came love and his name is Jesus. Before we could ever walk down the aisle, make mistakes, or create our task lists, Christ established our worth. The Lord doesn't prescribe to the lay-in-the-bed-you-made philosophy. He calls us into lives of abundance. Our confidence, our sense of self, doesn't come through what we do. It's anchored in *who he is* by what *he's already done*. (*A Wife's Secret to Happiness*, page 75)

Use the following list to remind yourself of how Jesus sees you.



Jesus sees me as:

1. His Daughter

"See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 John 3:1)

2. Redeemed

"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace." (Eph. 1:7)

3. Made in God's image

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." (Gen. 1:27)

4. Forgiven

"As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us." (Ps. 103: 12)

5. His Masterpiece

"For we are God's masterpiece, created to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do." (Eph. 2:10)

6. A Temple of the Holy Spirit

"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." (1 Cor. 6:19-20)

7. Part of the Body of Christ

"Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it." (1 Cor. 12:27)

8. A Royal Priesthood

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." (1 Pet. 2:9)



9. A New Creation

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." (2 Cor. 5:17)

10. Loved

"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom. 8:37-39)

11. His Bride

"Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish." (Eph. 5:25-27)

12. Called

"Who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began." (2 Tim. 1:9)

13. Chosen

"Just as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before him In love he predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to himself, according to the kind intention of his will." (Eph. 1:4-5)

14. Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

"I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well." (Ps. 139:14)

15. Victorious

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