

iDENTITY

You Have POSITION in Christ

Wylie United Methodist Church

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2 Corinthians 5:17-21

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. 21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

If you are a follower of Christ...

1. YOUR ARE A NEW CREATION

2 Corinths 5:17

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Genesis 1:27

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Colossians 2:13-14

13 When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, 14 having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.

If you are a follower of Christ...

2. YOU HAVE BEEN RECONCILED TO GOD

2 Corinthians 5:18-19, 21

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Ephesians 2:8

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.

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3. YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN AN ESSENTIAL MISSION

2 Corinthians 5:18, 20

18 All this is from God, who... gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us...

Ephesians 2:10

For we are God's workmanship (masterpiece), created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.