

# Identity in Christ: You Are Forgiven

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## Ephesians 1:7-8

7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace 8 that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.

### 1. **YOUR SINS HAVE BEEN PAID FOR, BLOTTED OUT, AND CARRIED AWAY**

#### Ephesians 1:7

7 In him we have... forgiveness of sins...

*“God buries our sins in the depths of the sea and then puts up a sign that reads, “No fishing.”” — Corrie ten Boom*

### 2. **ALL CHARGES HAVE BEEN DROPPED AND YOUR SLATE IS CLEAN**

#### Ephesians 1:7

7 In him we have redemption through his blood...

#### Psalms 103:12

12 as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

### 3. **GOD'S NOT HOLDING ANYTHING AGAINST YOU, SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO CARRY GUILT AND SHAME ANYMORE**

#### Ephesians 1:7

... in accordance with the riches of God's grace...

#### Genesis 2:25

25 The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

#### Isaiah 43:16, 18-19, 25

16 This is what the Lord says — ... 18 “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. 19 See, I am doing a new thing!... 25 “I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.

### 4. **JESUS INTENTIONALLY TOOK YOUR SIN AND SET YOU FREE**

#### Ephesians 1:7-8

7 In him we have... forgiveness of sins ... 8 that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.

#### Romans 5:6-9

6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

#### John 8:36

36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

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In Christ I have been redeemed through His blood and He has forgiven me so I don't have to carry this anymore...

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