

What it means when we say your BIGGEST PROBLEM has been taken care of...

You've Been FORGIVEN! (Psa. 103:10–12; Eph. 1:7–8)

Psalm 103:10–12

He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Ephesians 1:7–8

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

Rate yourself on a scale of 1–5 (1 = I am regularly grateful and conscious of being forgiven, 5 = I struggle to embrace this for myself)

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You've Been ADOPTED! (Rom. 8:15–17; Gal. 4:4–7; Eph. 1:3–6)

Romans 8:15–17

The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Galatians 4:4–7

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba Father." So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

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Ephesians 1:3–6

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

Rate yourself on a scale of 1–5 (1 = I view myself as a chosen child of God, 5 = I view myself as a slave to sin rather than an heir of God)

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You Have a Robe of **RIGHTEOUSNESS!** (Isa. 61:10; 2 Cor. 5:21; Phil. 3:7–9)

Isaiah 61:10

I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God.

For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

2 Corinthians 5:21

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Philippians 3:7–9

But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

Rate yourself on a scale of 1–5 (1 = I view myself as a chosen child of God, 5 = I view myself as a slave to God rather than an heir)

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You Have FREEDOM from Condemnation and Shame! (Rom. 8:1–4)

Romans 8:1–4

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Rate yourself on a scale of 1–5 (1 = I feel set free through Jesus and what He did for me, 5 = I feel held back from living a life of freedom)

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You Have the ULTIMATE ANSWER for a Guilty Conscience! (Heb. 10:19–23)

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Hebrews 10:19–23

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

Rate yourself on a scale of 1–5 (1 = I am cleansed from my guilty conscience, 5 = I am full of guilt for my actions)

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You Have UNLIMITED ACCESS in Prayer to His Throne! (Heb. 4:14–16)

Hebrews 4:14–16

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Rate yourself on a scale of 1–5 (1 = I often find myself running to God in prayer when in a time of need, 5 = I struggle to go to God when in a time of need)

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You Have His Spirit Living in YOU! (Eph. 1:13–14)

Ephesians 1:13–14

And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a

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deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

You Have a New **IDENTITY** and **PURPOSE** (Phil. 3:20; I Pt. 2:9–11)

Philippians 3:20

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:9–11

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul.

Rate yourself on a scale of 1–5 (1 = I view myself differently now that I have a new identity, 5 = I view myself the same)

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You Have **SECURITY** and **ASSURANCE** of Salvation! (John 10:27–30)

John 10:27–30

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

Rate yourself on a scale of 1–5 (1 = I feel comforted knowing God is in control 5 = I struggle to feel calm and at peace)

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You Have an **INHERITANCE** that Cannot Be Taken! (Eph. 1:11–18)

Ephesians 1:11–18

In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory. For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people.