



IDENTITY IN CHRIST

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"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me." – Galatians 2:20 (KJV)

In a world that constantly tells our children who they should be—how to act, what to wear, who to follow—God gently reminds us who we truly are: His.

Our identity is not found in popularity, performance, or possessions. It's rooted in something far deeper—our relationship with Jesus Christ. When we belong to Him, we are not defined by our past, our mistakes, or even our successes. We are children of God, created on purpose, for a purpose. "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people..." – 1 Peter 2:9 (KJV)

That means our worth isn't something we have to earn—it's something we've already been given. We are made in the image of God (Genesis 1:27), saved by grace (Ephesians 2:8-9), and called to live differently because we are His.

As this school year begins, let's help our children walk confidently in who God says they are. Not in fear. Not in comparison. But in the bold truth that they are loved, called, and chosen.

HERE ARE 3 SIMPLE WAYS TO LIVE OUT "NEW BEGINNINGS" TOGETHER AS A FAMILY THIS MONTH:

1 START A FAMILY PRAYER JAR 2 CLEAN SLATE MOMENTS 3 VERSE OF THE MONTH CHALLENGE

Each family member writes a prayer request or goal for the school year and places it in a jar. Read one each week and pray over it together. Watch how God answers over time!

At dinner, talk about how God gives us a clean slate through forgiveness. Write what you want God to help you with this year. Pray and rip the papers as a symbol of letting go and starting new.

Post **2 Corinthians 5:17** somewhere everyone can see it. Recite it together each morning before school as a reminder of who you are in Christ

