

Answer Key:

A Spiritual War....

- identity

The devil's Toolbox...

- Opinions
- hurt / pain
- media
- thoughts
- plants

Your Identity Marks

- meaning

1. accepted
- rejected

What am I acceptable?

- chose
- made

2. valuable
- owns

Why am I extremely valuable?

- Father
- life

3. eternally
- love

Uniqueness of God's Love...

1. unconditional
2. consistent

4. forgiven
- nature
 - paid

5. priests

What does this mean?

- people
- God

- lives

Summer Days in the Carolinas

Part 7

"Your Identity"

1 Peter 2:9-10 NIV

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Introductory Statement

When you accepted Christ, God gave you a new identity and a new name. If you want to know who you really are, then you need to look in the Bible and see who God says you are. It may be different from what you have heard others say about you, but which do you think is more accurate? Who do you think has a better perception of who you are, your Creator, or other creatures just like yourself?

2 Corinthians 5:7 CEV

"Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. The past is forgotten, and everything is new."

A Spiritual War....

- Satan is trying to steal your _____.

1 Peter 5:8 GNT

"Be alert, be on watch! Your enemy, the Devil, roams around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour."

2 Corinthians 2:11 GWT

"I don't want Satan to outwit us. After all, we are not ignorant about Satan's scheming."

The devil's Toolbox...

- _____ of other people.
- He uses _____ and _____ in your life to deceive and disguise your true character.
 - He uses the _____.
 - He puts a _____ in your mind.
 - He _____ an idea in your mind and gets you to repeat it over and over.

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- God made you for a reason, and your life has profound _____!

Romans 12:3 Message

"...The only accurate way to understand ourselves is by what God is and by what he does for us..."

1. You are completely _____.

1 Peter 2:9 Living Bible

"...you have been chosen by God himself..."

- The #1 reason we don't think we are accepted is because we have been _____ by others.

What am I acceptable?

- Do you realize that God _____ you before everything was made?

Ephesians 1:4 NIV

"For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love!

- Because Jesus _____ me acceptable!

Titus 3:7 CEV

"Jesus treated us much better than we deserve. He made us acceptable to God and gave us the hope of eternal life."

2. You are extremely _____!

1 Peter 2:9 NIV

"...a holy nation, a people belonging to God..."

- Value depends on who _____ it!

Deuteronomy 7:6 NIV

"For you are a people holy to the LORD your God... his treasured possession."

Isaiah 43:4 GNT

...you are precious to me and because I love you...

Why am I extremely valuable?

•God is your _____!

Luke 12:24 CEV

"Look at the birds....God feeds them and you are worth much more than birds!"

•Jesus gave his _____ for you!

1 Corinthians 7:23 Living Bible

You have been bought and paid for by Christ, so you belong to him

The cross proves your value!

3. You I am _____ loved.

1 Peter 2:10 NIV

"Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God"

•God is _____!

Psalms 100:5 GNT

The LORD is good; his love is eternal and his faithfulness lasts forever.

Uniqueness of God's Love...

Jeremiah 31:3 NLT

"I have loved you, my people, with an everlasting love. With unfailing love I have drawn you to myself."

1. It is _____!

2. It is _____!

4. You are totally _____!

1 Peter 2:10 GNT

"At one time you did not know God's mercy, but now you have received his mercy."

•It is God's _____ to forgive.

Isaiah 43:25 GNT

I am the God who forgives your sins, and I do this because of who I am. I will not hold your sins against you.

•Jesus _____ for all of your sins.

Ephesians 1:7 GNT

"For by the blood of Christ we are set free, that is, our sins are forgiven. How great is the grace of God."

Do not forget what Jesus did on the cross for you!

5. You have become a royal _____!

1 Peter 2:9 NCV

"You are... royal priests... chosen to tell about the wonderful acts of God, who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

What does this mean?

Acts 26:18 GNT

"You are to open their eyes and turn them from the darkness to the light and from the power of Satan to God, so that through their faith in me they will have their sins forgiven and receive their place among God's chosen people."

•You represent _____ to God!

•You represent _____ to other people!

2 Corinthians 3:5-6 GNT

"The capacity we have comes from God; it is he who made us capable of serving the new covenant..."

Every believer has DIRECT access to God!

Why am I capable to handle anything in life?

- Because Christ _____ in you!

Philippians 4:13 NIV

"I can do all this through him who gives me strength."

Knowing this how should this affect me?

God ***EXPECTS*** you to treat others the same way!

• Romans 15:7 NIV

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

• 1 Peter 2:17 NIV

Show proper respect to everyone,

• Colossians 3:12 Living Bible

"Because of his deep love and concern for you, you should practice tenderhearted mercy and kindness to others."

• Hebrews 13:6 GNT

"Let us be bold, then, and say, "The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"