

The R-12 Overcomer (4) Where Do You Belong?

Romans 12:4-5 (NLT)

⁴ Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function,

⁵ so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.

Review: How does God see each of us?

From “True Spirituality”, Chip Ingram

1. Appearance

My physical appearance (in my unchangeable aspects) is beautiful in God’s sight. He is my designer and maker

Psalm 139:13-17 (NIV)

¹³ For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb...

2. Belongingness

I am wanted, appreciated and loved by God, the most important person in my life.

Romans 8:31-32 (NIV)

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?

³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all--how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

3. Worthiness

I am now a righteous person in God's sight since I have trusted Christ. I am covered by the robe of His purity and goodness. Also, since I have a new nature, I am a good person in my general practice of life as I continue to grow in Christ.

Isaiah 61:10 (NIV)

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 righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

4. Security

I am secure in my relationship to Christ, in my daily safety and well-being, and in my future outlook, whether on earth or in Heaven.

Romans 8:38-39 (NIV)

³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,

³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

5. Competence

I am a competent person, equipped by the Holy Spirit to carry out God's will in my daily life in a way that pleases Him, regardless of what stage of growth I may be in at the present. My real importance in life is connected with the way I am touching other people's lives with the love of God and message of Christ.

Philippians 2:13: 4:13

For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose. I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.

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