

*Christ in you,  
the hope of glory.*

COLUMBIAN 177

# Christ in You

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## FORWARD

### **Acts 19:11-17**

God gave Paul the power to do unusual miracles, so that even when handkerchiefs or cloths that had touched his skin were placed on sick people, they were healed of their diseases, and any evil spirits within them came out.

A team of Jews who were traveling from town to town casting out evil spirits tried to use the name of the Lord Jesus.

**The incantation they used was this: "I command you by Jesus, whom Paul preaches, to come out!"**

Seven sons of Sceva, (a leading priest), were doing this. But when they tried it on a man possessed by an evil spirit, the spirit replied,

**"I know Jesus, and I know Paul. But who are you?"**

And he leaped on them and attacked them with such violence that they fled from the house, naked and badly injured.

The story of what happened spread quickly all through Ephesus, to both the Jews and Greeks. A solemn fear descended on the city, and the name of the Lord Jesus was greatly honored.

These Jews traveled from town to town making a living by claiming to heal and drive out demons. Often they would recite a whole list of names in their incantation to be sure of including the right deity. Here they were trying to use Jesus' name in an effort to match Paul's power.

Many Ephesians engaged in exorcism and occult practices for profit (see Acts 19:18-19).

The sons of Sceva were impressed by Paul's work, whose power to drive out demons came from God's Holy Spirit, not from witchcraft, and was obviously more powerful than theirs. They discovered, however, that no one can control or duplicate God's power.

**These men were calling on the name of Jesus without knowing the person.**

The power to change people comes from Christ. It cannot be tapped by reciting his name like a magic charm. God works his power only through those he chooses.

Throughout this study, you will see how important identity with Christ is in the life of a believer.

**Read – Understand – Confess – Receive!**

# Who Are you?

## Part 1

### **John 1:12**

**But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.**

### **Confession**

**Because I believe in Jesus, I am now a  
child of God.**

**Ephes. 1:5**

**His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure.**

**Confession**

**I have been adopted into God's family and it gives me great pleasure.**

**Romans 15:7**

**So accept each other just as Christ has accepted you; then God will be glorified.**

**Confession**

**Because I have accepted Christ, I will glorify God**

**Col. 2:9-10**

**For in Christ the fullness of God lives in a human body, [10] and you are complete through your union with Christ. He is the Lord over every ruler and authority in the universe.**

**Confession**

**The fullness of God lives in me, so I am complete through my union with Christ.**

**1 Cor. 6:17**

**But the person who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.**

**Confession**

**I have become one spirit with Christ.**

**Romans 6:6**

**Our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin.**

**Confession**

**I am crucified with Christ, therefore sin has lost its power over my life.**

**Genesis 1:27**

**So God created people in his own image;  
God patterned them after himself;  
male and female he created them.**

**Confession**

**I am created in the image of God.**

## **Jeremiah 1:5**

**"I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my spokesman to the world."**

### **Confession**

**I have been set apart to be a spokesman to the world.**

## **1 Cor. 12:27**

**Now all of you together are Christ's body, and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it.**

### **Confession**

**I am a separate and necessary part of the body of Christ.**

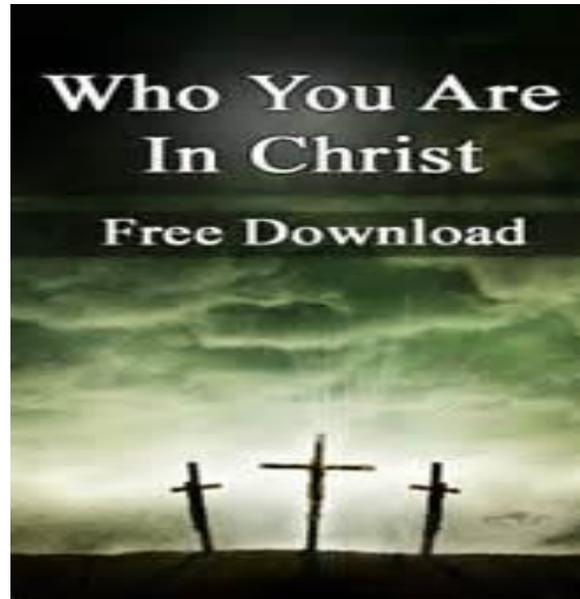
## **1 Peter 2:9**

**But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are a kingdom of priests, God's holy nation, his very own possession. This is so you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.**

### **Confession**

**I am a chosen person to show others the goodness of God.**

## Part 2



### **1 John 3:1-2**

**See how very much our heavenly Father loves us, for he allows us to be called his children, and we really are! But the people who belong to this world don't know God, so they don't understand that we are his children.**

### **Confession**

**When Jesus returns, I shall see him as he is.**

### **Galatians 3:27 –28**

**And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have been made like him. There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male or female. For you are all Christians—you are one in Christ Jesus.**

## Confession

**I am one in Christ through Baptism.**

### **1 Cor. 6:19-20**

**Or don't you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, [20] for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.**

## Confession

**My body is the temple of the Holy Spirit,  
so I honor God with my body.**

### **Col. 3:2-3**

**] Let heaven fill your thoughts. Do not think only about things down here on earth. [3] For you died when Christ died, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God.**

## Confession

**I have set my sights on the realities of heaven.**

### **Philip. 1:6**

**And I am sure that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on that day when Christ Jesus comes back again.**

## Confession

**God has begun a good work in me, and will continue until it is finished.**

### **Ephes. 2:6**

**For he raised us from the dead along with Christ, and we are seated with him in the heavenly realms—all because we are one with Christ Jesus.**

## Confession

**I am seated with Christ in heavenly places.**

### **Ephes. 2:18**

**Now all of us, both Jews and Gentiles, may come to the Father through the same Holy Spirit because of what Christ has done for us.**

## Confession

**I come to the father because of what Christ has done for me.**

### **Ephes. 2:8-9**

**God saved you by his special favor when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. [9] Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.**

## Confession

**I will boast only of Christ for what he has done.**

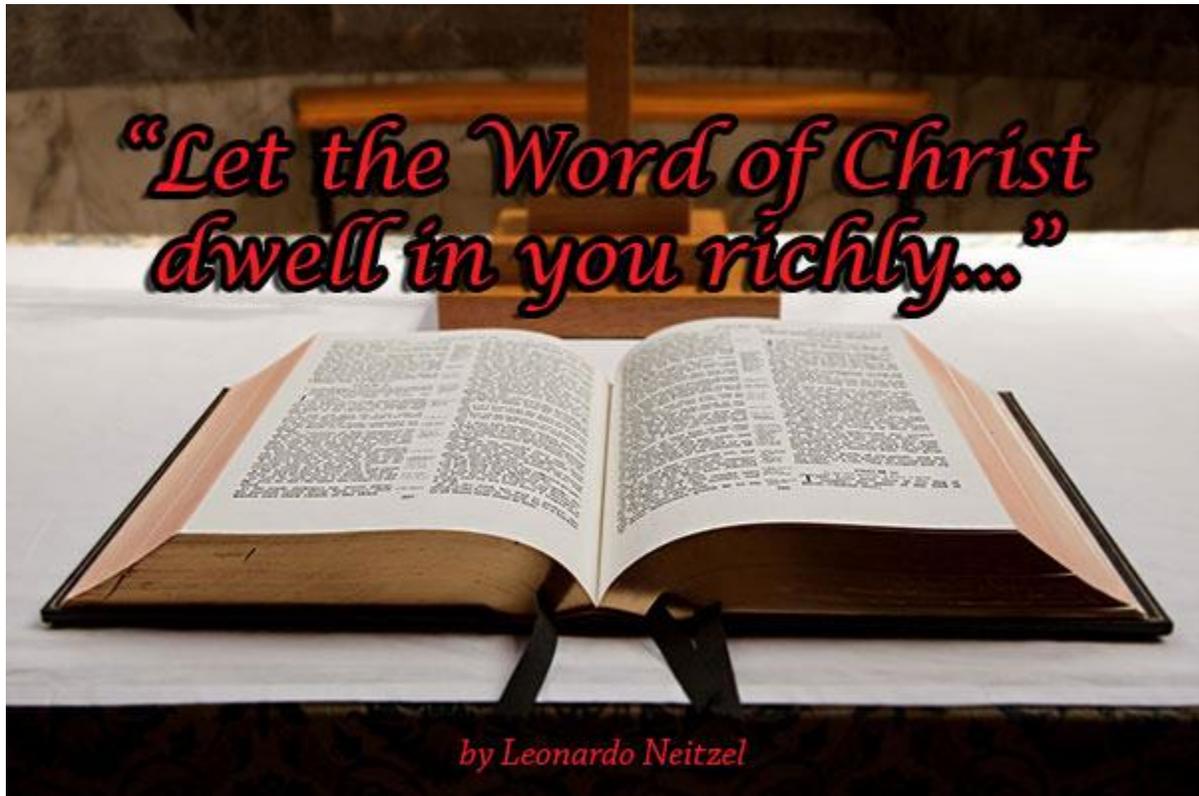
### **1 John 5:14-15**

**And we can be confident that he will listen to us whenever we ask him for anything in line with his will. [15] And if we know he is listening when we make our requests, we can be sure that he will give us what we ask for.**

## Confession

**I will receive from God, the things for which I ask.**

## Part 3



### **2 Cor. 2:15**

**Our lives are a fragrance presented by Christ to God. But this fragrance is perceived differently by those being saved and by those perishing.**

### **Confession**

**My life is a fragrance presented by Christ to God**

### **Romans 6:18**

**Now you are free from sin, your old master, and you have become slaves to your new master, righteousness.**

#### **Confession**

I am free from my old master, and now have a new master.

### **Psalms 139:14**

**Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex!  
Your workmanship is marvelous—and how well I know it.**

#### **Confession**

I will know the marvelous workmanship of Christ.

### **James 1:22**

**And remember, it is a message to obey, not just to listen to.  
If you don't obey, you are only fooling yourself.**

#### **Confession**

I will obey the message of Christ.

**Philip. 4:13**

**For I can do everything with the help of Christ who gives me the strength I need.**

**Confession**

Christ gives me strength to do all things through him.

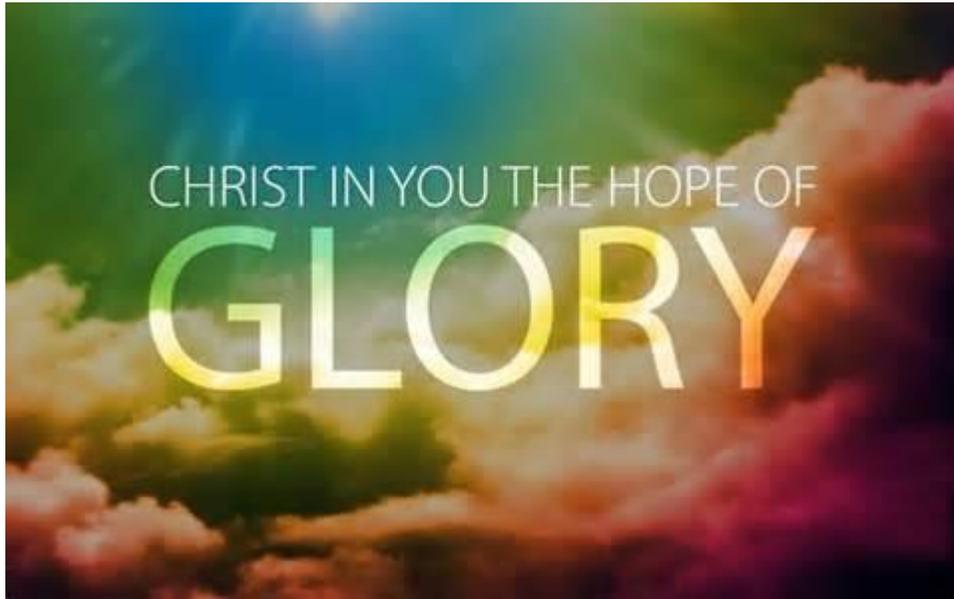
**John 15:16**

**You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name.**

**Confession**

**I have been chosen to produce fruit, and receive from the Lord.**

## Part 4



### **Matthew 5:14**

**You are the light of the world—like a city on a mountain, glowing in the night for all to see.**

#### **Confession**

**I am a light like a city on a mountain, glowing in the night.**

### **Hebrews 4:16**

**So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it.**

#### **Confession**

**I will come boldly to the throne of God and receive mercy and find help when in need.**

**Col. 3:12**

**Since God chose you to be the holy people whom he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.**

**Confession**

**I will cloth myself with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.**

**1 Peter 2:15**

**It is God's will that your good lives should silence those who make foolish accusations against you.**

**Confession**

**My good life was silence those who make foolish accusations.**

**Acts 1:8**

**But when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will receive power and will tell people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."**

**Confession**

**I will receive power to tell people about Jesus to the ends of the earth**

## **Galatians 2:20**

**I myself no longer live, but Christ lives in me. So I live my life in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.**

### **Confession**

**I no longer live, but Christ lives in me, and gave himself for me.**

## **Ephes. 1:5**

**His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure.**

### **Confession**

## **John 3:16**

**"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.**

### **Confession**

**God gave his son for me, therefore I will not perish but have everlasting life.**

**Ephes. 1:7-8**

**He is so rich in kindness that he purchased our freedom through the blood of his Son, and our sins are forgiven. He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding.**

**Confession**

**My freedom has been purchased through the blood of Jesus and my sins are forgiven.**

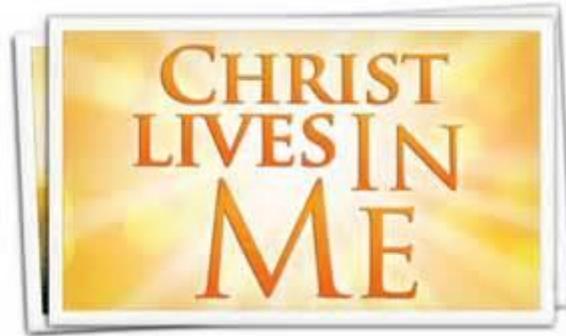
**2 John 1:9**

**For if you wander beyond the teaching of Christ, you will not have fellowship with God. But if you continue in the teaching of Christ, you will have fellowship with both the Father and the Son.**

**Confession**

**I will have fellowship with both the father and the son.**

## Part 5



### **2 Cor. 1:22**

**He has identified us as his own by placing the Holy Spirit in our hearts as the first installment of everything he will give us.**

#### **Confession**

**I have been identified as Christ own as the first installment of everything he will give me.**

### **Col. 1:13**

**For he has rescued us from the one who rules in the kingdom of darkness, and he has brought us into the Kingdom of his dear Son.**

#### **Confession**

**He has rescued me from the kingdom of darkness and brought me into the kingdom of his dear son.**

### **Romans 5:19**

**Because one person disobeyed God, many people became sinners. But because one other person obeyed God, many people will be made right in God's sight.**

#### **Confession**

**Because one person obeyed God I have been made right in God's site.**

### **Philip. 4:6-7**

**Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. [7] If you do this, you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.**

#### **Confession**

**I will pray about everything, and thank God for what he has done.**

### **Jeremiah 33:3**

**Ask me and I will tell you some remarkable secrets about what is going to happen here.**

#### **Confession**

**I will tell you the remarkable secrets about what is going to happen in my life.**

**Ephes. 6:11**

**Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies and tricks of the Devil.**

**Confession**

**I will put on the whole armor of God and stand against the tricks of the devil.**

**Philip. 4:19**

**And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.**

**Confession**

**The Lord has supplied all my needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.**

**1 Cor. 3:9**

**We work together as partners who belong to God. You are God's field, God's building—not ours.**

**Confession**

**We will work together as partners because I am God's field, and God's building.**

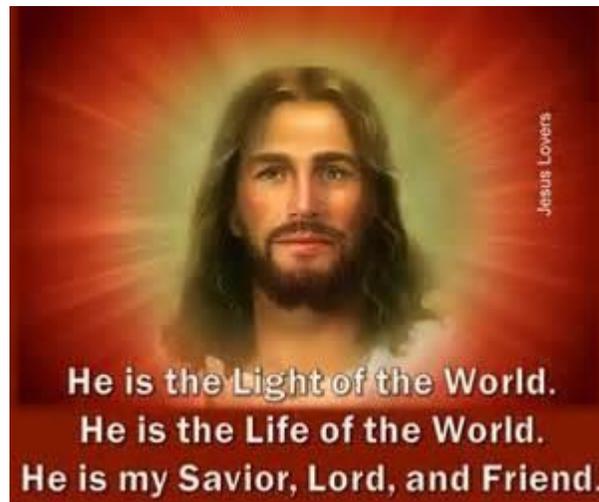
## **2 Cor. 5:15**

**He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live to please themselves. Instead, they will live to please Christ, who died and was raised for them.**

### **Confession**

**I have received new life, and now live to please Christ who died and was raised to life for me.**

## Part 6



### **1 Peter 2:11**

**Dear brothers and sisters, you are foreigners and aliens here. So I warn you to keep away from evil desires because they fight against your very souls.**

### **Confession**

**I will keep away from evil desires because they fight against my soul.**

### **Galatians 4:6**

**And because you Gentiles have become his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, and now you can call God your dear Father.**

## Confession

**God has sent the Spirit of his son into my heart and now I call God my dear Father.**

### **Romans 8:17**

**And since we are his children, we will share his treasures—for everything God gives to his Son, Christ, is ours, too. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.**

## Confession

**I share the treasures for everything God gives to the son Christ.**

### **Romans 5:8**

**But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.**

## Confession

**God showed his great love for me by sending Christ to die for me while I was still a sinner.**

### **1 Peter 5:8**

**Be careful! Watch out for attacks from the Devil, your great enemy. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for some victim to devour.**

## **Confession**

**I will watch out for the devil as he prowls around looking for someone to devour.**

### **Col. 3:3**

**For you died when Christ died, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God.**

## **Confession**

**Christ died for me, and my life is hidden with Christ in God.**

### **James 4:7**

**So humble yourselves before God. Resist the Devil, and he will flee from you.**

## **Confession**

**I resisted the devil and he did flee from me.**

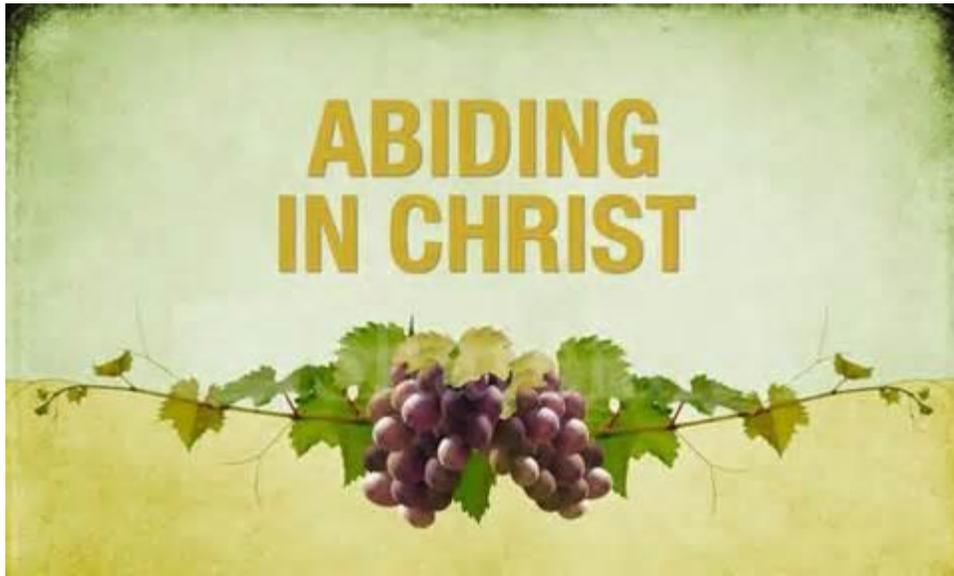
### **Ephes. 4:1**

**Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God.**

## **Confession**

**I will lead a life that makes me worthy to be called by God.**

## Part 7



### **Romans 8:28**

**And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.**

#### **Confession**

**Everything works together for my good because I have been called according to the purpose of God.**

### **2 Cor. 1:21**

**It is God who gives us, along with you, the ability to stand firm for Christ. He has commissioned us,**

#### **Confession**

**God has given me the ability to stand firm for Christ.**

### **John 14:6**

**Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.**

#### **Confession**

**I have come to God through Jesus Christ my Lord.**

### **Jeremiah 29:11**

**For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.**

#### **Confession**

**I have received God's plan for me to give me a future and a hope.**

### **1 Peter 4:10**

**God has given gifts to each of you from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Manage them well so that God's generosity can flow through you.**

#### **Confession**

**I will manage the gifts God has given me well so the Holy Spirit can flow through me.**

## **1 Cor. 12:13**

**Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into Christ's body by one Spirit, and we have all received the same Spirit.**

### **Confession**

**I have been baptized into Christ body by one Spirit  
and have received the same spirit.**

## Part 8



### **John 11:40**

**Jesus responded, "Didn't I tell you that you will see God's glory if you believe?"**

#### **Confession**

**I will believe and see God's glory.**

### **Matthew 5:16**

**In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.**

#### **Confession**

**I will let my deeds shine out for others to see so everyone will praise my heavenly father.**

### **Matthew 5:13**

**"You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it useful again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless.**

#### **Confession**

**I have become salt so that I can give flavor to the gospel.**

### **Psalm 5:3**

**Listen to my voice in the morning, Lord. Each morning I bring my requests to you and wait expectantly.**

#### **Confession**

**Each morning I bring my request to you and wait expectantly.**

### **Romans 10:9**

**For if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**

#### **Confession**

**I confess with my mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in my heart that God raised him from the dead, therefore I am saved.**

### **1 Peter 3:15**

**Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if you are asked about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it.**

#### **Confession**

**I will always be ready to explain the Christian hope that lies within me.**

### **Hebrews 13:5**

**Stay away from the love of money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, "I will never fail you. I will never forsake you."**

#### **Confession**

**I will stay away from the love of money, and the Lord will never fail me or forsake me.**

### **2 Tim. 3:16**

**All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right.**

#### **Confession**

**The inspired word of God strengthens me and teaches me to do what is right.**

**Romans 6:23**

**For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Confession**

**I have eternal life through Jesus Christ my Lord.**

## Part 9



### **John 17:17**

**Make them pure and holy by teaching them your words of truth.**

#### **Confession**

**I have been made pure by the words of truth.**

### **John 10:10**

**The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give life in all its fullness.**

#### **Confession**

**The Lord has given me the fullness of life.**

**you are complete through your union with Christ. He is the Lord over every ruler and authority in the universe.**

#### **Confession**

**I am complete through my union with Christ.**

**Col. 1:14**

**God has purchased our freedom with his blood and has forgiven all our sins.**

**Confession**

**The Spirit of God has given me everything he promised, and therefore I will praise him**

**Ephes. 1:14**

**The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us everything he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. This is just one more reason for us to praise our glorious God.**

**Confession**

**God has given me everything he has promised.**

**Romans 12:3**

**As God's messenger, I give each of you this warning: Be honest in your estimate of yourselves, measuring your value by how much faith God has given you.**

**Confession**

**I will measure my value by how much faith God has given me.**

## Part 10



### **John 15:10**

**When you obey me, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father and remain in his love.**

#### **Confession**

**I obey the father and remain in his love.**

### **John 8:12**

**Jesus said to the people, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't be stumbling through the darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life."**

#### **Confession**

**I will not stumble through the darkness, because I have the light of God that leads to life.**

### **1 Peter 1:23**

**For you have been born again. Your new life did not come from your earthly parents because the life they gave you will end in death. But this new life will last forever because it comes from the eternal, living word of God.**

#### **Confession**

**My new life will last forever because it comes from the eternal, living God**

### **Ephes. 4:30**

**And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he is the one who has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption.**

#### **Confession**

**I will not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way I live.**

### **Ephes. 2:1**

**Once you were dead, doomed forever because of your many sins.**

#### **Confession**

**I have been made alive because my sins are forgiven.**

### **Romans 5:11**

**So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God—all because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us in making us friends of God.**

#### **Confession**

**I will rejoice in my relationship with God for he has made me his friend.**

### **Matthew 6:14-15**

**"If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.**

#### **Confession**

**I will forgive others, so my heavenly father will forgive me.**

### **Col. 3:13**

**You must make allowance for each other's faults and forgive the person who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.**

#### **Confession**

**I will forgive all those who have offended me as the Lord has forgiven me.**

**Romans 3:23**

**For all have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious standard.**

**Confession**

**I have been forgiven of my sin and do not fall short  
of God's glorious standard.**

