



# THIS I KNOW

Convictions For The Journey

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THE UNMISTAKABLE YOU





# IDENTITY

Who Am I?

Why do I matter?













# IDENTITY

*A faulty identity  
foundation causes  
spiritual and  
emotional instability.*



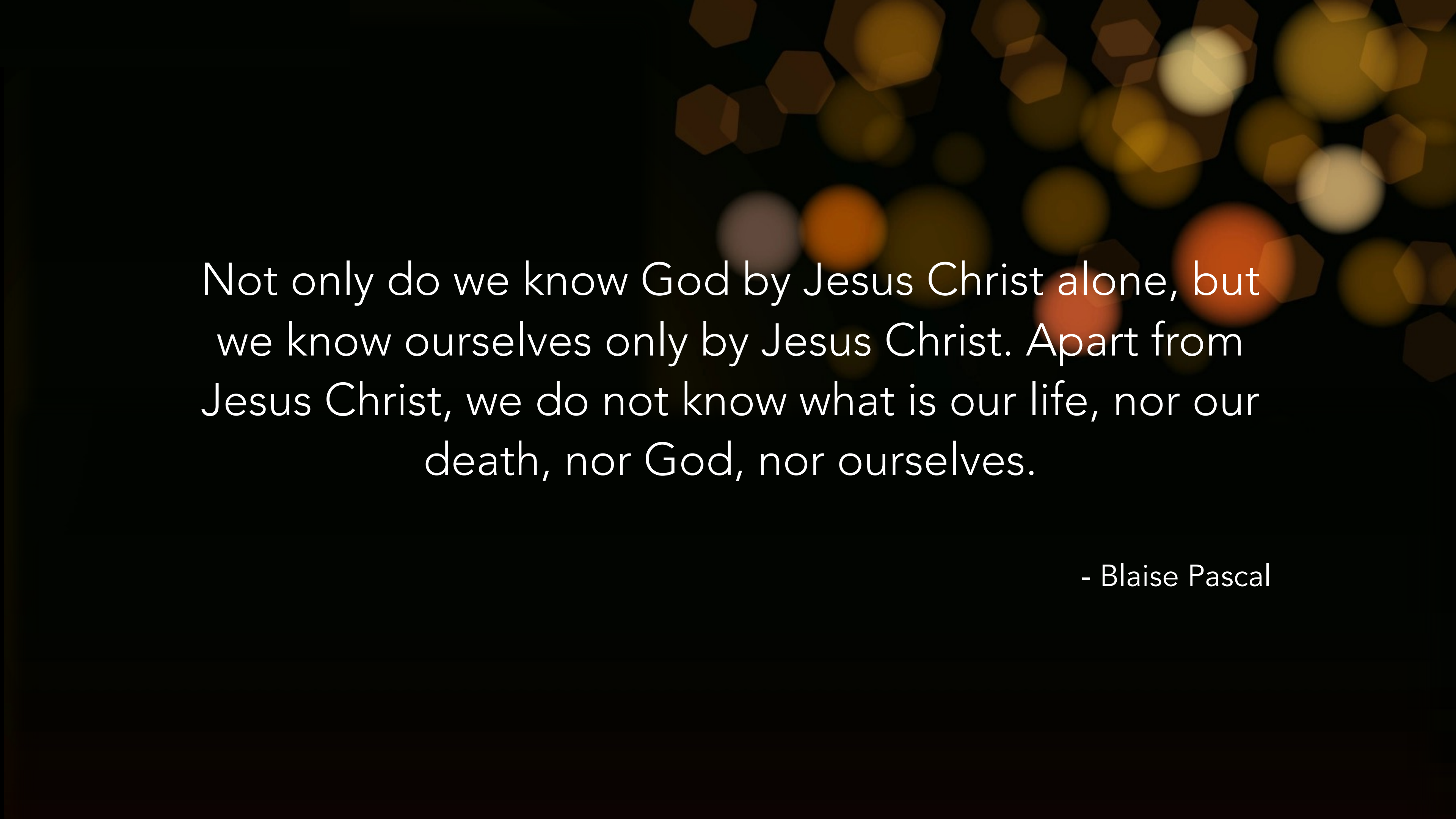






*Your identity is  
received, not achieved.*



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Not only do we know God by Jesus Christ alone, but  
we know ourselves only by Jesus Christ. Apart from  
Jesus Christ, we do not know what is our life, nor our  
death, nor God, nor ourselves.

- Blaise Pascal



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17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has  
come: The old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5



# THE LIES WE BELIEVE ABOUT OURSELVES

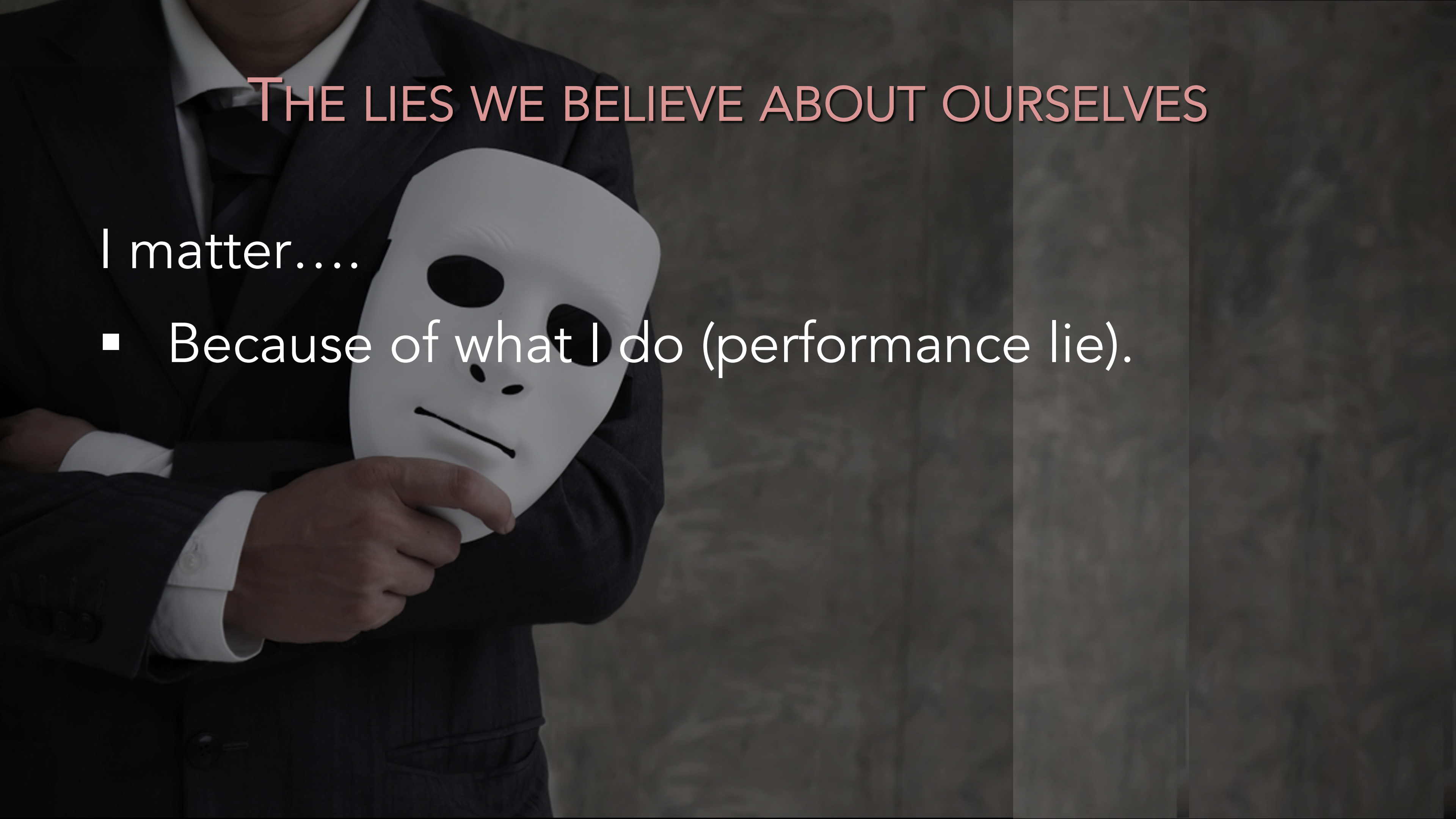




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- Because people like me (people-pleasing lie).



# THE LIES WE BELIEVE ABOUT OURSELVES

I matter....

- *Because of what I do (performance lie).*
- *Because people like me (people-pleasing lie).*
- **Because I am in control (lie of control).**





*When you replace  
the lies you believe  
about yourself by the  
truth, you will find  
your real identity.*



9 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.

1 Peter 2



# FIVE FINGERPRINTS OF THE UNMISTAKABLE YOU





# FIVE FINGERPRINTS OF THE UNMISTAKABLE YOU

# 1

You are...  
intentionally chosen.

9 But you are a *chosen* people...

1 Peter 2



4 Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes.

Ephesians 1 (NLT)



# FIVE FINGERPRINTS OF THE UNMISTAKABLE YOU

# 2

You are...  
God's trusted partner.

9 ...*a royal priesthood...*

1 Peter 2



And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. 19 For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. 20 So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!"

2 Corinthians 5 (NLT)



5 Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. 6 He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant.

2 Corinthians 3



# FIVE FINGERPRINTS OF THE UNMISTAKABLE YOU

# 3

You are...  
infinitely valuable.

9 ...*God's special possession...*

1 Peter 2



4 "You are priceless to me. I love you and honor you."

Isaiah 43 (NIRV)



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The issue of your value has been settled at the cross.

- Rob Reimer



# FIVE FINGERPRINTS OF THE UNMISTAKABLE YOU

# 4

You are...  
unconditionally loved.

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

1 Peter 2



“<sup>23</sup> I will plant her for myself in the land; I will show my love to the one I called ‘Not my loved one. ‘I will say to those called ‘Not my people,’ ‘You are my people’; and they will say, ‘You are my God.’”

Hosea 2



# FIVE FINGERPRINTS OF THE UNMISTAKABLE YOU

# 5

You are...  
completely forgiven.

<sup>10</sup> Once you had not received mercy, but now  
you have received mercy.

1 Peter 2



13 You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. 14 He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.

Colossians 2 (NLT)



25 “I—yes, I alone—will blot out your sins for my own sake  
and will never think of them again.

Isaiah 43 (NLT)



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Intentionally chosen

Completely forgiven

In Christ

God's trusted  
partner

Unconditionally  
loved

Infinitely valuable



# FIVE FINGERPRINTS OF THE UNMISTAKABLE YOU

I am intentionally chosen

I am God's trusted partner

I am infinitely valuable

I am unconditionally loved

I am completely forgiven





Make God's voice the  
loudest one.





Stand your ground against  
the enemy.





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