

My Identity -- in Religion	or	in Relationship
Live by rules (keep the law)		Grace / forgiveness
Traditions are paramount		Intentions, motives are the focus
Appearances / comparisons		Holiness / Gods standard
Pride		Humility
Self-accomplishment		daily dependence
Acquiring knowledge		Hunger / seeking truth / revelation
Death from our flesh		life in the spirit
Rich young ruler		prayer at the temple Luke 18:9-14
Church in Sardis Rev 3		thief on cross
Lord lord, did we not...		not everyone who says Lord... Matt 7:22
You embrace tradition Mark 7:8		obedience better 1 Sam 15:22
Matt 23:37 we resist His covering		Psalm 17:8 hide me under your wing

Religious identity is a core self-concept formed through

1. belonging to a faith group,
2. adopting its doctrines, and
3. practicing its rituals.

It is often defined by the four "B's": **Believing** (creeds), **Belonging** (community affiliation), **Behaving** (ethical, value-driven actions), and **Bonding** (rituals/spiritual practices). It acts as a lens for viewing the world, offering personal stability, and shaping moral values.

Who I Am in Christ

ACCEPTED

- Justified by faith
– Rom 5:1
- Chosen in Christ
– Eph 1:4
- Forgiven by His blood
– Eph 1:7
- Brought near to God
– Eph 2:13
- Accepted in the Beloved – Eph 1:6
- God's child
– John 1:12
- Complete in Christ
– Col 2:10

SECURE

- No condemnation
– Rom 8:1
- Eternal life given
– John 10:28
- Sealed by God
– Eph 1:13
- Hidden in Christ
– Col 3:3
- Kept by His power
– 1 Pet 1:5
- Not appointed to wrath
– 1 Thess 5:9
- God will finish His work
– Phil 1:6

SIGNIFICANT

- A new creation
– 2 Cor 5:17
- God's workmanship
– Eph 2:10
- Seated with Christ
– Eph 2:6
- Christ's ambassador
– 2 Cor 5:20
- Salt and light
– Matt 5:13-14
- Chosen to bear fruit
– John 15:16
- Strength through Christ
– Phil 4:13