

God's Desire for Every Christian

I pray that out of God's glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,¹⁸ may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:16-19

God's desire is that all of us will find our full identity in Christ Jesus.

1. As God's child I am Loved

"I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message...

²³May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me. John 17:20-23.

Underserved love Romans 5:8

Love without measure Ephesians 3:17-19

Everlasting love Jeremiah 31:3

Unending love John 13:1

2. As God's child I am Accepted.

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God — children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. John 1:12-13

Knowing who you are in Christ, when you begin to see that God accepts you "in Christ" three things will begin to happen:

- You can now live with the rejection of others because what they say about your past is no longer who you are.
- You have a consuming desire to please the One who accepted you because you understand that He is not condemning you.
- You can now serve God with a correct motive because your motives are now based on all the good things God has done for you.

3. As God's child I am Justified.

Justified means "pronounced or treated as righteous."

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21

God's desire for you is that you know that you are justified and that you know that you are also filled with the righteous of Christ.

If you have been filled with Jesus Christ righteousness then you are totally accepted by God.

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