Fearfully & Wonderfully Made

SEEN AN HEIR KNOWN HIS LOVED
Beloved WORTHY a Blessing
FREE a vessel favored SAFE
ENGRAVED ON HIS HAND

God Says I Am ...

FORGIVEN Treasured RESCUED
Protected Cherished
PURSUED a Child of God PURPOSED
EQUIPPED CALLED
Adopted CHOSEN Accepted
Guided Favored
JUSTIFIED BLAMELESS
Sanctified Reconciled
Redeemed COMPLETE Secure
CARED FOR CLEANSED
PRECIOUS Renewed VICTORIOUS
Delighted In a New Creation
A WARRIOR Rooted A MASTERPIECE
Anxious for Nothing the Apple of His Eye

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SEEN, KNOWN, AND CHOSEN

Do you know how much God loves you, how valuable you are to Him? Do you feel seen, known, treasured, safe, and chosen?

God cares about every detail of our lives—every strand of our hair, each word before we speak it, and every day we will live on earth. He is our shelter from the storm, our strength when we are weak, and the one who loves us beyond all imagining.

Yet how often do we identify ourselves by the single most important detail about who we are—a child of God?

Instead, when we get to know others, we talk about:

- what we do
- where we went to school
- what we've accomplished
- where we live
- where we last vacationed
- our favorite activities or hobbies

We carefully conceal what others might view as weak:

- illness
- pain
- limitations
- suffering
- grief and loss
- need for help/accommodations

We spend so much time trying to be the "right" kind of person in others' eyes that we skip the most important detail—that we are dearly loved by the one who says, ***I have called you by name. You are Mine!*** (Isaiah 43:1b)

THE PROCESS OF BECOMING

God delights in us. He doesn't shame, intimidate, ignore, or exclude us. He isn't impatient with us or irritated by us. He knows absolutely everything about us and loves us *anyway*.

We are all broken people living in a broken world, and we are all in the *process of becoming*. When God looks at us, He sees who He created us to be and who we are becoming in Him.

Saint Andrew (Bishop of Milan from 374-397) said it very well: **Know, O beautiful soul, that you are the image of God, know that you are the glory of God.**

What if we truly lived like God's beloved—beautiful souls created in the image of God, alight with the glory of God? Would it change the way we see ourselves? Would it change with way we see others?

Would our identity in Christ become the most true thing about us? Would it become the first thing we told others? Would we feel God's delight? Would He become our joy?

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