



REDEFINED



How do you define yourself?



You have been Redefined

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a **new** creation.
The old has passed away; behold, the **new** has come.

2 Corinthians 5:17



Redefined

Paul – The Zealous Pharisee
Philemon – The Wealthy Master
Onesimus – The Disobedient Servant



Redefined

Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ²and Apphia our
sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in
your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philemon 1-3



New identity -child of God

Grace to you and peace from **God our Father** and the
Lord Jesus Christ.

Philemon 3



New identity -child of God

“If you want to judge how well a person understands Christianity, find out how much he makes of the thought of being God’s child, and having God as his Father. If this is not the thought that prompts and controls his worship and prayers and his whole outlook on life, it means that he does not understand Christianity very well at all.”

J.I. Packer – Knowing God



New identity -child of God

#1 – Our Father loves us with an unshakable love

but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8



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#1 – Our Father loves us with an unshakable love

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39



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#2 – Our Father provides for us

Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? ¹¹ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

Matthew 7:9-11



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#3 – Our Father deserves obedience

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.”

John 14:15



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#4 – Our Father wants to be close to us

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.

Galatians 4:4-5



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#4 – Our Father wants to be close to us

Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “*Abba, Father.*” ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

Galatians 4:6-7



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#5 – Our Father gives us an inheritance

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living
hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the
dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or
fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you,

1 Peter 1:3-4



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Timothy – Brother (1)

Apphia – Sister (2)

Onesimus - Brother (16)

Philemon – Brother (20)



Loving Sibling

because I hear of your **love** and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for **all the saints**,

Philemon 5

For I have derived much joy and comfort from your **love**, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

Philemon 7



Loving Sibling

Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹ yet **for love's sake** I prefer to appeal to you.

Philemon 1:8-9



Loving Sibling

For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶ no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a **beloved brother**—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

Philemon 1:15-16



Loving Sibling

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

John 13:34-35



I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ.

Philemon 6



Becoming A child of God

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name,
he gave the right to become children of God.

John 1:12