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Who I am in Christ A study of the 33 affirmations – developed by Neil T. Anderson

Suggested Procedure:

It is suggested that this be a follow-up study to your Freedom in Christ interview. Although it is not required to do the study, the interview will give you a better idea of how critical these affirmations are to our walk as Children of God. It is suggested that you work on one affirmation each day, or spend several days on each one. Search the Scripture to see if the affirmations are "truth!" If indeed they are, then sincerely covenant with the Lord to make changes in your life that will help you "act" in the truth.

Each affirmation begins with a verse from which the truth is drawn. You are then asked to look for yourself to see what the context of the truth is. What was the author trying to tell us? This is the factual part. What was "behind" the words? Where was the person when it was written? What was the motivation for the words?

Next look at the corroborating passages to see for yourself that other parts of Scripture confirm that this is truth. Then, search the Scriptures yourself to find other references that also confirm the truth. Use your concordance or on-line searches to help you. [www.e-sword.net is a wonderful and free resource with many opportunities to search the Scripture on your own]

Now determine what authority comes with the affirmation. Example: If we are truly Children of God, what authority does that give us: here on earth, now!?

With that authority, what should we careful or cautious about? If we are Children of God and have the same authority that Christ had, how should that authority be used?, and, how should it not be used?

Next, what is the meaning of this affirmation to me ______(fill in your name)? Make this VERY personal. If indeed, I am a Child of God, how should I act? Speak? Walk? Offer my gifts? Is there something I need to change, in my thought life or in my actions in order to really "live" this truth? Are there doubts about this truth for me?

Share your learning with the Lord. Let Him delight and smile on you because you have taken the time to study His Word and learn from it. Tell Him your honest feelings. Honor Him with praise for the truth He has taught you today. Make a commitment to share that truth in some way with someone. Be cautious about making promises and covenants with the Lord unless you are really ready to relinquish everything to him. The rich young ruler left Jesus very sad because he was unwilling to give up his riches in order to follow him, but Jesus didn't run after Him. He told Him the truth and it was up to him to follow it. It is also up to us to follow the truth. Honestly face our Dear Lord, share your heart.

At the end of each of the three sections is an opportunity to review what you have learned. Take several minutes, an hour, to review your answers in that section and prayerfully answer the questions. Hopefully, you will begin to realize just how incredible the Grace, Mercy, Peace, and Beauty of God is and it will change your life – and – SET YOU FREE!

Who I am in Christ – I am Accepted

I am God's Child

John 1:12 – "Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His Name, He gave the right to become children of God."

Context: Jesus, Creator, came to be with us, even though He was rejected by the world. He has made God known to us and we are His.
Corroborating passages:
Galatians 3:26 –
Romans 8:14 –
Revelation 12:7 –
Literal meaning:
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What "cautions" come with the statement?
Meaning to me:
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Prayer:

Who I am in Christ - I am Accepted

I am Christ's Friend

John 15:15 - "...not servants but friends...for everything I learned from My Father I have made known to you." Context: Jesus teaches us about loving one another - as He loves us - as friends - "you are my friends if you do what I command." Corroborating passages: Exodus 33:11 -____ Proverbs 17:17-Proverbs 18:24 - ___ Literal meaning: What authority comes with the statement? What "cautions" come with the statement? Meaning to me: _____

Who I am in Christ - I am Accepted

I have been justified

Romans 5:1 - " we have been justified, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ"

Context: refers to Chapters 3 and 4, particularly 4:25 – "He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification." Paul is declaring our identity, our position in Christ because of our faith in Christ's finished work on Calvary.
Corroborating passages:
Romans 3:28 –
Acts 13:38
Acts 13:39 -
Luke 24:47
Romans 10: 9-10
Literal meaning:
What authority comes with the statement?
What "cautions" come with the statement?
Meaning to me:
Prayer:
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Who I am in Christ – I am Accepted

I am united with the Lord, I am one with Him in Spirit

I Corinthians 6:17 - "He who unites himself with the Lord is one with Him in Spirit." Context: Paul's cautions about sexual immorality - to whom will you be united? Unity in Christ is a real unity. Corroborating passages: John 17: 21-23 -Ephesians 1: 13-14 – Ephesians 2: 11-22 - ___ Ephesians 2: 14 - _____ Philippians 2:1 - _____ Literal meaning:_____ What authority comes with the statement? What "cautions" come with the statement? Meaning to me: _____ Prayer: _____

Who I am in Christ - I am Accepted

I am bought with a price, I belong to God

I Corinthians 6: 19-20 – "You were bought with a price - ...therefore honor God with your body. ..the Holy Spirit is in you."

Context: Paul is instructing the Corinthian Christians regarding who they really are and the responsibilities they have as believers. He instructs us also.
Corroborating passages:
Romans 14:8
I Corinthians 7:23 –
I Peter 1:18-19 –
Revelation 5:9 -
Hebrews 9: 11-12
John 1:21
Literal meaning:
What authority comes with the statement?
What "cautions" come with the statement?
Meaning to me:
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Prayer:

Who I am in Christ – I am Accepted

I am a member of Christ's body

I Corinthians 12:27 – "Now you are the body of Christ and each one of you is a part of it."
Context:
Corroborating passages:
Ephesians 1:22-23 –
Colossians 1:24 –
Romans 12:5
Ephesians 5:30
Literal meaning:
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What authority comes with the statement?
What "cautions" come with the statement?
Meaning to me:
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Prayer:

Who I am in Christ - I am Accepted

I am a Saint Ephesians 1:1 - "...the saints in Ephesus, the faithful in Jesus Christ" Context: Corroborating passages: II Corinthians 1:1 – Revelation 5:8 – Ephesians 6:18 – _____ Literal meaning:_____ What authority comes with the statement? What "cautions" come with the statement? Meaning to me: _____

Who I am in Christ – I am Accepted

I have been adopted as God's Child

Ephesians 1:5 – "He predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with Holeasure and will"	is
Context:	
Corroborating passages:	
Romans 8: 14, 23, 29-30 –	
Romans 9: 6-8 –	
I John 3: 1-2 –	
Literal meaning:	
What authority comes with the statement?	
What "cautions" come with the statement?	
Meaning to me:	
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Prayer:	

Who I am in Christ – I am Accepted

I have direct access to God through the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 2:18 - "For through Him we both have access to the Father by One Spirit."
Context:
Corroborating passages:
Ephesians 3:13 –
Colossians 1:12-13 –
John 17: 21-23 –
Literal meaning:
What authority comes with the statement?
What "cautions" come with the statement?
Meaning to me:
Prayer:

Who I am in Christ - I am Accepted

I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins

Colossians 1:13-14 – "For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

Context:
Corroborating passages:
Romans 3: 23-26
Ephesians 1: 7 –
Isaiah 53:5 –
Literal meaning:
What authority comes with the statement?
What "cautions" come with the statement?
Meaning to me:
Prayer:

Who I am in Christ – I am Accepted

I am complete in Christ

Colossians 2:9-10 - "For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority."

Context:
Corroborating passages:
John 15: 10-11 –
I John 4: 16-17 –
Hebrews 10:14 & Context -
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Literal meaning:
What authority comes with the statement?
What "cautions" come with the statement?
Meaning to me:
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Prayer:

Who I am in Christ – I am Accepted

In your study of "acceptance", which verses did God use to speak to you about your position and relationship to Him?
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How does this change the way you view yourself?
How does this change the way you view God?
What personal commitments are you willing now to make to God? Are you willing to sacrifice everything to gain His acceptance? What will you relinquish to Him? (ambitions, thought-life, bondage issues, generational issues, your family, your spouse, your fears, your attitudes, secrets)
Prayer (Praise Him, Acknowledge Him, Adore Him, Thank Him, Offer Him)

I am free forever from condemnation.

Romans 8: 1-2 – "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death."

Context:
Corroborating passages:
Romans 8: 39 –
John 3:18 –
I John 3:18-20 —
John 5:24
What authority comes with the statement?
What "cautions" come with the statement?
Meaning to me:
Prayer:

I am assured that all things work together for good.

Romans 8: 28 - "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." Context: Corroborating passages: I Corinthians 1: 8-9 -I John 1: 3-4 – _____ Isaiah 49: 7 – _____ Literal meaning:_____ What authority comes with the statement? What "cautions" come with the statement? _____ Meaning to me: _____

I am free from any condemning charges against me.

Romans 8: 31-34 – "...if God is for us, who can be against us? ...who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us."

Context:
Corroborating passages:
Hebrews 7:25 –
I John 2: 3-6 –
Isaiah 50: 8-9 –
Literal meaning:
What authority comes with the statement?
What "cautions" come with the statement?
Meaning to me:
Prayer:

I cannot be separated from the love of God.

Romans 8: 35-39 – "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? . . . No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. . . .nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Context:
Corroborating passages:
I Corinthians 15:57 –
I Peter 3:21-22 –
Ephesians 2: 11-13
Literal meaning:
What authority comes with the statement?
What "cautions" come with the statement?
Meaning to me:
Prayer:

I have been established, anointed and sealed by God

II Corinthians 1: 21-22 - "Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set His seal of ownership on us, and put His Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come."
Context:
Corroborating passages:
I John 2: 20, 27 – "anointed"
Romans 16:25 – "established"
Ephesians 4:30 – "sealed"
Literal meaning:
What authority comes with the statement?
What "cautions" come with the statement?
Meaning to me:
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Prayer:

I am hidden with Christ n God. Colossians 3:3 - "For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God." Context: Corroborating passages: Ephesians 1: 3-8 – _____ Psalms 143: 9 – _____ Matthew 13:44 – Literal meaning:_____ What authority comes with the statement? _____ What "cautions" come with the statement? Meaning to me:

I am confident that the good work God has begun in me will be perfected.

Philippians 1:6 - "being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

Context:
Corroborating passages:
II Samuel 22: 31-33 –
I Corinthians 1: 8 –
I Thessalonians 3:13 –
Hebrews 12: 2 -
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Literal meaning:
What authority comes with the statement?
What "cautions" come with the statement?
Meaning to me:
Prayer:

I am a citizen of heaven.

Philippians 3:20 – ""For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ"	
Context:	
Corroborating passages:	
Ephesians 2: 19-20 –	
I Chronicles 19:15 & context v. 10-20 –	
Psalm 119: 19 –	
I Peter 2: 11	
Literal meaning:	
What authority comes with the statement?	
What "cautions" come with the statement?	
Meaning to me:	
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Prayer:	
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I have not been given a spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind.

II Timothy 1:7 – "For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline."
Context:
Corroborating passages:
Isaiah 54: 14 – "fear" –
II Corinthians 4: 7 – "power" –
I John 3: 17-19 – "love" –
Titus 2: 11-14 – "self-discipline"
Literal meaning:
What authority comes with the statement?
What "cautions" come with the statement?
Meaning to me:
Prayer:
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I am free from any condemning charges against me.

Romans 8: 31-34 – "...if God is for us, who can be against us? ...who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us."

Context:	
Corroborating passages:	
Hebrews 7:25 –	
I John 2: 3-6 –	
Isaiah 50: 8-9 –	
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Literal meaning:	
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What "cautions" come with the statement?	
Meaning to me:	
Prayer:	

I can find grace and mercy to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:16 – "Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."	
Context:	
Corroborating passages:	
James 4: 6 –	
Micah 7:18 –	
Luke 1:50 –	
II Samuel 24:14	
Literal meaning:	
What authority comes with the statement?	
What "cautions" come with the statement?	
Meaning to me:	
Prayer:	

I am born of God and the evil one cannot touch me.

I John 5:18 – "We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the one who was born of God keeps him safe, and the evil one cannot harm him."	
Context:	
Corroboratin	g passages:
Danie	el 7:27 –
Ephes	sians 6: 10-18 –
I Cori	inthians 15: 21-24 –
Literal meani	ng:
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What "cautio	ns" come with the statement?
Meaning to m	ıe:
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Prayer:	

In your study of "security", which verses did God use to speak to you about your position and relationship to Him?
How does this change the way you view yourself?
How does this change the way you view God?
What personal commitments are you willing now to make to God? Are you willing to sacrifice everything to gain security in Him? What will that mean to you?
Prayer (Praise Him, Acknowledge Him, Adore Him, Thank Him, Offer Him)

I am the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

Matthew 5: 13-14 – "You are the salt of the earth You are the light of the world."	
Context:	
Corroborating passages:	
Colossians 4:6 –	
Acts 13:47	
Ephesians 5:8 –	
Literal meaning:	
What authority comes with the statement?	
What "cautions" come with the statement?	
Meaning to me:	
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Prayer:	

I am a branch of the true vine, Jesus, a channel of His Life.

John 15: 1, 5 - "I am the true vine, and My Father is the gardener. I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit, apart from Me you can do nothing." Context: Corroborating passages: John 17:23 -Romans 11: 17-21 – Ephesians 2: 11-13 – ______ Literal meaning:_____ What authority comes with the statement? What "cautions" come with the statement? Meaning to me: _____

I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit.

John 15:16 - ""You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit - fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in My name." Context: Corroborating passages: Proverbs 11: 30 -Galatians 5:22 -Colossians 3: 12-15 -Literal meaning:_____ What authority comes with the statement? What "cautions" come with the statement? Meaning to me: _____ Prayer: _____

I am a personal witness of Christ's.

Acts 1:8 - "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Context: Corroborating passages: Luke 24: 45-48 -Colossians 1: 28 - _____ Literal meaning: What authority comes with the statement? What "cautions" come with the statement? Meaning to me:

I am God's temple.

I Corinthians 3: 16-17 – "Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit live in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple."

Context:
Corroborating passages:
II Corinthians 6: 16-19
Ephesians 2: 19-22 -
I Peter 2: 4-10 -
Literal meaning:
What authority comes with the statement?
What "cautions" come with the statement?
Meaning to me:
Prayer:

I am a minister of reconciliation for God.

II Corinthians 5: 18-19 – "All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation."

Context:
Corroborating passages:
Colossians 1: 19-20
Ephesians 4:12
I Corinthians 1: 10-17
Literal meaning:
What authority comes with the statement?
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Meaning to me:
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Prayer:

I am God's co-worker. II Corinthians 6: 1 - "As God's fellow workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain." Corroborating passages: I Corinthians 3: 9 -III John 1: 8 -Meditate on John 17 -Literal meaning: What authority comes with the statement? What "cautions" come with the statement? Meaning to me: _____

I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realm.

Ephesians 2: 6 - "And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus..." Context: Corroborating passages: Ephesians 1: 19b-20 - _____ Colossians 2: 9-12 -Colossians 2: 13-15 - ______ Colossians 3: 1-3 - _____ Literal meaning:__ What authority comes with the statement? What "cautions" come with the statement? Meaning to me: _____ Prayer: _____

I am God's workmanship.

Ephesians 2: 10 - "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Context: Corroborating passages: Philippians 2: 12-13 -______ Ephesians 4: 22-23 -I Timothy 6: 11-12 - _____ Literal meaning:_____ What authority comes with the statement? What "cautions" come with the statement? Meaning to me: _____ Prayer: _____

I may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Ephesians 3:12 - "In Him and through faith in Him we may approach God with freedom and confidence."
Context:
Complementing massages
Corroborating passages:
Galatians 5: 13
John 8: 36
Hebrews 10: 10-25
Literal meaning:
What authority comes with the statement?
What "cautions" come with the statement?
Meaning to me:
Prayer:

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13 – "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength."		
Context:		
Corroborating passages:		
II Corinthians 12: 9-10		
Nehemiah 8: 10 -		
Hebrews 12: 7-12 -		
Literal meaning:		
What authority comes with the statement?		
What "cautions" come with the statement?		
Meaning to me:		
Prayer:		

In your study of "significance", which verses did God use to speak to you about your position, responsibilities, and relationship to Him?
How does this change the way you view yourself?
How does this change the way you view God?
What personal commitments are you willing now to make to God? Are you willing to sacrifice everything to gain significance in Him alone? What will that mean to you?
Prayer (Praise Him, Acknowledge Him, Adore Him, Thank Him, Offer Him)

It is interesting to note that the majority of the references used in this study and the majority of the affirmations come from the writings of Paul. Paul, the one who held the coats of those who stoned Stephen, the oracle of God! The one who persecuted the early church which caused much turmoil among the Jewish people of the day and even resulted in death for many.

If anyone needed to be affirmed, it was Saul/Paul! He found His affirmation in Christ and through his words encouraged others to find that same affirmation. He gave his life to spread the Word of the redeeming Christ, to encourage, affirm, and yes, challenge the scattered believers of his day. Today, we still need the same affirmation. Isn't it amazing that much of our affirmation comes from Paul's writings?

If God not only forgave Saul/Paul, but blessed his ministry and used him to write these sacred words we've studied, what can we say. Whatever condition our lives are in can and have been redeemed already by a forgiving, and loving God. I'm also quite certain that He only wishes to use us in the same way He used Paul – as an avenue to bring the hope to humanity that we have been seeking for so long. The only hope is in Christ, and by now, you should realize through the study of His Word, just what tools you have to do His Work.

What is your commitment now? you do it?	What will you do and when will

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