

East Side Church

A Foundation Worth Building On

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If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face...

2 Chronicles 7:14a

#1: His temple is in **you**; it's not in a **building** anymore.

Nor will people say, "Here it is," or "There it is," because the kingdom of God is within you. Luke 17:21

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

#2: God sees you as His **child**; not just another **person**.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. Romans 8:14-16 (NLT)

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 1 John 3:1

#3: God sees you as His **heir**; not just another **child**.

And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering. Romans 8:17 (NLT)

He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. Hebrews 11:26

Live with the big picture in mind!

#4: God sees you as His **ambassador**; not **passively** waiting for the **reward**.

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. 2 Corinthians 5:20

You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. John 15:16 (NLT)

#5: Can we see **ourselves** as God sees **us**?

When we see ourselves as God sees us, it transforms our paradigms and the way we live. Now this is a foundation worth building on! Own your true, intended identity in 2009 – the way we think determines the way we live.

How God Sees Us from Ephesians 1:4-12 (The Message)

He had us in mind. He had settled on us as the focus of His love. We are made whole by His love. We are made holy by His love. He decided to adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ. We are free people. Free of penalties and punishments chalked up by our misdeeds. Not barely free – abundantly free. He thought of everything; provided everything we could possibly need. He let us in on the plans He made – not a secret. It's in Christ that we find out who we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, He had His eye on us. He had designs on us for glorious living.

Prayer: God grant me the wisdom to see myself as You see me.