

37 Advantages to Being Born Again

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Your shield of faith is activated by confessing what the Word says. Jesus illustrated this when He was tempted in the desert, saying, "It is written..." When He quoted God's words, He pushed the tempter back. Your faith is voice-activated, so learn to be comfortable confessing your faith out loud. In the beginning, the Holy Spirit hovered over the waters, but it wasn't until God *spoke* that anything happened. So it is with you who are made in His image. The power of God hovers over your situation, but nothing changes until you speak. You first need enough faith to move your mouth. Then what you say will move the mountain!

RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

1. I Have a New Father:

By His blood, Jesus reconciled me to God. I have a new relationship with my Heavenly Father, who firmly but gently encourages me to overcome everything that keeps me from fulfilling my eternal destiny. John 14:6, 2 Corinthians 5:19, Colossians 1:19-20

2. I Have a New Savior, High Priest, and Intercessor:

The Lord Jesus Christ is my great High Priest. He intercedes for me 24/7. He keeps me in a right relationship with God, so all the promises of God are mine. Romans 8:34, Hebrews 7:25-27, 2 Corinthians 1:20

3. I Have a New Savior Living in Me:

Jesus promised never to leave me nor forsake me. He is Immanuel, God with me. He is with me always, even to the end of the age, so I am never alone. Even if I feel alone, God's Word assures me that He is with me. Not only is He with me, Christ in me is my hope of glory. So, I go forward in life with confidence and courage, knowing the Lord has my back. Matthew 1:23, 28:20, Hebrews 13:5-6, Isaiah 41:10, 2 Timothy 4:17-18, John 15:1, 4-5, 7, Colossians 1:27, Galatians 2:20

4. I Have a New Comforter, Counselor, Teacher, and Sanctifier Living in Me:

I have the Holy Spirit of God living in me. As the Spirit of Truth, He teaches me all things, guides me into all truth, counsels me in all wisdom, and brings to mind all things Jesus said. John 14:15-17, 26, 16:13, 1 Corinthians 2:10-12, 1 John 2:27

ABOUT MYSELF

5. I Am a New Creation:

I am a new creation in Christ Jesus. God re-created my spirit, and I am His workmanship. Old things have passed away from my spirit, and I am a completely new person, holy, sinless, blameless, and without fault before God. 2 Corinthians 5:17, Colossians 1:22

6. I Have a New Nature:

I am a partaker of the divine nature, and in my spirit, I no longer desire to sin or do what I used to do. By living out of my spirit, I break down the old habits and thought patterns of the past and establish new habits of prayer, praise, thanksgiving, and service to God. 2 Peter 1:4, Romans 6:11-14

7. I Have a New Mind:

As I meditate in God's Word day and night, my mind is renewed, and I am transformed into the image of Christ. Having the mind of Christ, I choose to align my behavior with the Word of God and the promptings of the Holy Spirit in my born-again spirit. Romans 12:2, 2 Corinthians 3:18, 1 Corinthians 2:16, Philippians 2:5

8. I Have New Emotions:

As a new creation, I rein in my old uncontrolled emotions and take up the fruit of the Spirit that God put in my re-created spirit when I was born again. Therefore, I gladly walk in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23, Ephesians 4:31-32, Colossians 3:12-15

9. I Have a New Surrender:

I am so thankful to God for what He has done for me that I am willing to trust my life to Him. So, I surrender my life to the will of God and say with Jesus, "Not my will, but Yours be done." Luke 22:42, Mark 14:36

10. I Have a New Dominion over My Body:

My born-again spirit rules over my flesh and brings it into subjection, not the other way around. My flesh has no power over my spirit, nor can it control my renewed and made-up mind, my purified emotions, and my surrendered will. 1 Corinthians 9:27, Galatians 5:24, Romans 6:12

11. I Have a New Access to Truth:

I have the Spirit of Truth living in me. He guides me into all truth, so I will not be deceived by the lies of this world or by any false reports. The Spirit of Truth and God's Word guide my life. John 14:15-17, 15:26, 16:13, 2 Thessalonians 2:11-13, John 17:17, 1 John 2:27

12. I Have a New Freedom:

The blood of Jesus has redeemed me from the curse of the law and set me free from the dominion of sin, the world, the flesh, and the devil! John 8:31-32, Romans 8:2, Galatians 3:13, 5:1

13. I Have a New Righteousness:

I have received the free gift of Christ's righteousness. All my sins have been forgiven. This puts me in right standing with God and eligible for His best blessings. Though I am not perfect, when I confess my sin, the grace of Jesus frees me from condemnation, keeps me in the love of God, and motivates me to do better each day. 2 Corinthians 5:21, 1 Corinthians 1:30, 1 John 1:8-2:2, Hebrews 10:12, 14, 17

14. I'm in a New Kingdom:

I have been delivered from the power of darkness and conveyed into the kingdom of God's dear Son. I am a member of the body of Christ and a citizen of heaven, with all the rights and privileges of a son or daughter of God. Colossian 1:13, 1 Corinthians 12:12-13, Philippians 3:20, Galatians 4:6-7, Romans 8:17

15. I Have a New Future:

My past no longer determines my future. God has given me a bright, new future. The thoughts He thinks toward me are thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give me a future and a hope. I will be patient and allow God's plans to unfold. Jeremiah 29:11-13, Romans 8:28, Titus 3:7, Romans 14:17, Hebrews 6:12

16. I Have a New Hope:

Because I am born again and in right relationship with God, His blessings are reshaping my future. I am filled with all joy and peace in believing and overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:4, 13, Titus 2:13, Hebrews 10:23

17. I Have a New Joy:

For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Jesus desires me to have unspeakable joy and be full of glory. John 15:11, Romans 14:17, 15:13, Galatians 5:22, 1 Peter 1:8

18. I Have a New Faith:

In my spirit, I have received the measure of Christ's faith. Just as He gave me His love and peace, He has placed His faith inside me. In my spirit, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. The God-kind of faith in my spirit delivers me from soulish doubts. Galatians 2:20, Romans 12:3, Mark 11:22 ("Have the faith of God," the faith that originates in, belongs to, and proceeds from God.)

19. I Have a New Confidence in God:

I come boldly to the throne of grace to find grace to help in time of need, especially when I've messed up, feel condemned, and need God the most. Hebrews 4:16, 3:14

20. I Have a New Peace:

I have peace with God through my Lord Jesus Christ and do not receive condemnation, for all my sins are forgiven, past, present, and future. God will remember them no more. I accept God's forgiveness, and there is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus. Any condemnation I experience is not from God. Romans 5:1, 8:1, Hebrews 10:12, 14, 17, Isaiah 26:3, Colossians 3:15

21. I Have a New Heart:

When I said Yes to Jesus, God took the old stony heart out of me and gave me a new and tender heart. I lay aside hurts, wounds, bitterness, and unforgiveness. I walk in the love of God, even toward my enemies and those who hurt me. Ezekiel 36:26, Matthew 5:44-45

22. I Have a New Purpose:

Christ has made me a witness of His goodness. I am His ambassador, and my job is to share the good news of salvation and the Word of God with others. Acts 1:8, Matthew 28:19-20

23. I Have a New Image:

I have been restored to the image and likeness of God and conformed to the image of Jesus Christ. As He is, so am I in this world. Romans 8:29, 2 Corinthians 3:18, Colossians 3:10

24. I Have New Power:

I am crucified with Christ, and it's no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. Since I am joined to the Lord, I am one spirit with Him. He strengthens me with might in my inner man. He who is in me is greater than he who is in the world. Acts 1:8, 1 Corinthians 6:17, Ephesians 1:19, 3:16-17, 1 John 4:4

25. I Have New Abilities:

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me, so I do not fear or shrink back from new projects, opportunities, or challenges. Philippians 4:13, Exodus 35:30-33

26. I Have New Wisdom:

Christ has become my wisdom from God, and He gives me the grace to understand spiritual mysteries, solve every problem, and come up with creative solutions to complicated things. 1 Corinthians 1:30, 2:7, 12:8, Ephesians 1:17, Colossians 1:9

27. I Have a New Position and Authority:

I am spiritually seated with Christ on His throne at God's right hand, and my words are invested with His authority and power. In His name, I have the right to command unclean spirits to leave my family and me. Whatever I bind on earth is bound in heaven, and whatever I loose on earth is loosed in heaven. Ephesians 2:4-6, Revelation 3:21, Colossians 3:1-2, Philippians 2:9-10, Matthew 16:19

28. I Have a New Eternal Home:

Because I believe God raised Jesus from the dead, I will not die when my physical body does. In the moment of death, I will leave my physical body and be taken to heaven, where I will live eternally in my spiritual body in the presence of God and the Lamb. John 14:2-3, 1 Corinthians 15:51-52, 2 Corinthians 5:6, 8, Hebrews 11:10, 16, Revelation 21:1-22:5

29. I Have a New Tongue:

God gave me a new heart and filled it with His love. Out of the abundance of my new heart, my mouth speaks more kindly and gently than before. I also speak with the new tongue of the prayer language God has given me. Ezekiel 36:26, Matthew 12:34, Mark 16:17, James 3:2, Proverbs 15:1

30. I Have New Promises:

When I received Christ as Savior, the promises in God's Word became Yes and Amen. I thank God for His promised care and provision in every area of my life. 2 Corinthians 1:20, Romans 8:31-32, 16-17

31. I Have New Armor:

Christ has given me His armor so I may stand victorious in the day of battle against all adversaries, both seen and unseen. Ephesians 6:10-18, Romans 13:12, Genesis 22:17

RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS

32. I Have a New Family:

I thank God for my new church family, who loves, strengthens, and encourages me. 1 Corinthians 12:12-27, Ephesians 3:14-15

33. I Walk in a New Love:

Love never fails, and the love of God has been poured out in my heart by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, I am empowered to walk in love, patience, and kindness, even toward my enemies and those who wounded me. Romans 5:5, 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, 1 John 4:19, John 13:34-35

34. I Have a New Power to Forgive:

I am empowered to forgive those who have offended me, just like Jesus forgave those who crucified Him, saying, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." So, I send them love, blessings, and forgiveness. I refuse to allow a root of bitterness to live in my heart and poison my life. Luke 23:34, Mark 11:25-26, Matthew 18:21-35, Heb 12:15

HELP IN CIRCUMSTANCES

35. I Am Redeemed from the Curse and under God's Blessing:

Christ redeemed me from the curse of the law, so that all of God's blessings come on me. As a believer, I am redeemed from poverty, sickness, and spiritual death. Galatians 3:13-14. (You are delivered from the curse of the law, Deuteronomy 28:15-68, that the blessing of Abraham may come on you, Genesis 22:16-18, cp. Deuteronomy 28:1-14.)

36. I Have a New Provider:

In every circumstance, I put my trust in God and seek first His kingdom and righteousness, for He supplies all my needs according to His riches in glory. He is Jehovah-Jireh, the Lord my Provider. Genesis 22:13-14, Philippians 4:19, Luke 6:38

37. I Have a New Healer:

Jesus is my great Physician. He took my infirmities and bore my sicknesses and pains. He was wounded for my transgressions, bruised for my iniquities, the chastisement for my peace was on Him, and by His stripes I am healed. Exodus 15:26, Isaiah 53:4-5, Matthew 8:17, James 5:14-15, 1 Peter 2:24