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2 Corinthians 5:14-18 (NIV)

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. ¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

1. I am reconciled to God.

- Understanding my identity brings me security!

1 John 5: 18 (NIV)

We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the One who was born of God keeps them safe, and the evil one cannot harm them.

- Security hinges on a preposition. (2 Corinthians 5:17a)

Colossians 3:3 (NIV)

For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

- Security has always been a result of repentance and faith.
- Security comes from knowing I will never be reunited to my past.

Psalms 103:12 (NIV)

as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

2. I have a new nature.

- Who I am now defines what I do.

Identity comes before activity.

1 John 2:12-13 (NIV)

I am writing to you, dear children, because your sins have been forgiven on account of his name. ¹³ I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one.

3. I have a new purpose in life. (2 Corinthians 5:16-18)

- My identity has placed me in the family business.
(2 Corinthians 5:18–20 NASB)