

Chapters 1-3
Authoritative Truths Spoken Over My Life
Yes, This Is Personal

As a foundation for my faith, I must know who I was without Jesus.

1. I was dead in my trespasses and sins,
2. I walked according to the course of this world (it was all I knew),
3. I walked according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience (I was enslaved to do whatever Satan and his minions wanted me to do),
4. I lived in the lusts of my flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind
5. I was by nature a child of wrath (I was sentenced to eternal condemnation),
6. I was separate, or living apart, from Christ,
7. I was excluded from the commonwealth of Israel (or God's "chosen people"),
8. I was a stranger to the covenants of promise,
9. I had no hope, and
10. I lived without God in the world.

This is why it has always been about what God does for me, in me, with me, to me, and on my behalf and has nothing to do with what I can do or need to do. And since my starting place is clearly absolute brokenness and neediness, everything He bestows upon me is from an outpouring of His grace simply because He loves me.

1. I have been blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,
2. He chose me in Him before the foundation of the world, in order that I would be holy and blameless before Him,
3. In love He predestined me to adoption as a son through Jesus Christ to Himself according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on me in the Christ the Beloved.
4. In Him I have redemption through His blood,
5. I am forgiven of my sins and trespasses (intentional and unintentional), according to the riches of His grace which He lavished on me,
6. In Him I have also obtained an inheritance,
7. I was predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will (all that has happened in my life was not random, but it has been with a purpose according to the counsel of His will), and
8. I was sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who was given to me as a pledge of my inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession (I am His possession and I will be redeemed), to the praise of His glory.
9. He made me alive together with Christ,
10. He raised me up with Him,
11. He seated me with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward me in Christ Jesus,
12. For by grace I have been saved through faith; and that not of myself, it is the gift of God, and
13. I am His workmanship (His very own masterpiece), created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that I would walk in them.
14. I have been brought near by the blood of Christ,
15. He Himself is my peace,
16. Through Him I have access in one Spirit to the Father,
17. I am no longer a stranger or alien but I am a fellow citizen with the saints,
18. I am of God's household, and
19. Because of Christ and my faith in Him, I can now come fearlessly into God's presence, assured of His glad welcome.
20. From His glorious resources He will strengthen me with His mighty power through His Spirit in the inner-man,
21. He will be more and more at home in my heart as I trust Him,
22. He will cause my roots to go down deep into the soil of His marvelous love,
23. He will give me the power to understand how wide, how long, how high, and how deep His love really is so that I can know (fully experience) the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge that I may be filled with the fullness of Christ, and
24. By His mighty power, He is able to accomplish infinitely more than I would ever dare to ask or hope.
25. I along with my brothers and sisters in the Lord are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit, and
26. We have all been built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus
27. Himself being the corner stone in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord.

This is who I am and the Father has accomplished all of this through Christ.