46 Things True of a Believer at the Moment of Salvation

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At salvation, a believer:

1. Becomes a Child of God

John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

Gal 3:26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

2. Is Redeemed

Rom 3:24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus

Eph 1:7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace Col 1:14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

3. Is Freed from the Law

Rom 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

Rom 7:4 Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another—to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God.

Rom 7:6 But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not *in* the oldness of the letter.

Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

Gal 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

4. Has the Firstfruits of the Spirit

Rom 8:23 Not only *that*, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

5. Is Reconciled to God

2 Cor 5:20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

6. Becomes the Righteousness of God in Christ

2 Cor 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

7. Has Jesus as Intercessor / Advocate Before the Father

Rom. 8:34 Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

Heb 7:25 Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

1 John 2:1 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

8. Is Made Alive Together with Jesus

Eph 2:5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved) Col 2:13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,

9. Has Been Forgiven All Trespasses / Sins

Eph 1:7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace Eph 4:32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.

- Col 1:14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.
- Col 2:13c ...having forgiven you all trespasses,
- Col 3:13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*.

10. Is Justified

- Rom 3:24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,
- Rom 4:5 But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness
- Rom 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
- Rom 8:33 Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

11. Has Died to Sin

Rom 6:2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

12. Has Been Baptized into Christ (and Into His Death)

Rom 6:3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

13. One's Old Man Has Been Crucified with Christ

Rom 6:6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

14. Is No Longer a Slave to Sin

Rom 6:6c-7 ... that we should no longer be slaves of sin. ⁷ For he who has died has been freed from sin.

15. Is Made a Partaker of the Inheritance of the Saints in the Light

Col 1:12 giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.

16. Is Delivered Us from the Power of Darkness

Col 1:13a He has delivered us from the power of darkness...

17. Is Conveyed into the Kingdom of the Son of His Love

Col 1:13b He has ... conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

Acts 26:18 'to open their eyes, *in order* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.'

18. Is Born Again (and/or From Above)

John 3:3-6 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴ Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

1 Pet 1:23 having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,

19. Is Regenerated

Titus 3:5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

20. Becomes a New Creation

2 Cor 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

21. Become Part of a Spiritual Household that Offers Sacrifices

1 Peter 2:5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

22. Is Made Accepted in the Beloved

Eph 1:6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved.

23. Has Life in Jesus' Name

John 20:31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

24. Has Everlasting Life

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

25. Is In Christ

1 Cor 1:30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God-- and righteousness and sanctification and redemption

26. Is Sanctified

1 Cor 6:11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

27. Is Circumcised in Christ

Col 2:11 In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,

28. Is Raised with Christ

Col 2:12 buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with *Him* through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

29. Is a Partaker of the Holy and Royal Priesthood

- 1 Pet 2:5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
- 1 Pet 2:9 But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;
- Rev 1:6 and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him *be* glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

30. Becomes Part of a Chosen Generation, a Holy Nation, a Peculiar People.

1 Pet 2:9 But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

31. Becomes a Citizen of Heaven

Phil 3:20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ

1 Pet 2:11 Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul

32. Becomes Part of the Family and Household of God

Gal 6:10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Eph 2:19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God

33. In the Fellowship of Jesus and the Saints

1 Cor 1:9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Phil 2:1 Therefore if *there is* any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy,

1 John 1:3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

34. Is a Laborer Together with God

1 Cor 3:9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building.

35. Is a Fellow Sufferer with Christ

Phil 1:29 For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake

1 Peter 4:12-13 Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; ¹³ but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. (cf. 1 Thes 3:3)

36. Has Peace with God

Rom 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

37. Has Access to God

Rom 5:2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Eph 2:18 For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

Heb 10:19-20 Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh

38. Stands in Grace

Rom 5:2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

39. Is Light in the Lord

Eph 5:8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.

40. Is a Member of the Body of Christ

1 Cor 12:13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free--and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

41. Is Born of the Spirit

John 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

42. Is Baptized by the Spirit

1 Cor 12:13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free-and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

43. Is Indwelt by the Spirit

John 7:39 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Rom 5:5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Rom 8:9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

Gal 4:6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"

44. Is Sealed by the Spirit

2 Cor 1:22 who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

Eph 1:13-14 In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

Eph 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

45. Is Complete in Him

Col 2:9-10 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; ¹⁰ and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

46. Possesses Every Spiritual Blessing

Eph 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ