

There are three main point that we want to get across tonight

- We were once in opposition to Christ
 - o We weren't just friendly people who just happened no to know before we became Christians. We were once enemies of him who were just as worthy of damnation as the worst of sinners.
- We need to know that we have been completely changed and transformed
 - o We no longer bear the identity of sinner even though we are not perfect
- We can have assurance of salvation
 - o Paul makes it clear that we have to make it to the end to have salvations. Does not mean that we have to make sure we are always working as hard as we can to keep our own salvation. It means that we need to abide in Christ and be filled with the Holy Spirit because that is the only way anyone makes it to the end and finishes the race.

Because this is a short passage consider taking the students to some of these passages as well to support what is being communicated in this passage.

- John 9
 - o So they can see that titles that God gives us and the world gives us are often in conflict with one another
- Also the following to reinforce that our identity is found in Christ
 - 2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV) — “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”
 - 2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV) — “For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”
 - Romans 8:1 (ESV) — “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”
 - Galatians 2:20 (ESV) — “I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”
 - Colossians 3:3 (ESV) — “For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.”
 - Ephesians 1:7 (ESV) — “In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.
- Ephesians 3:14-12
 - o To show that our lives can be sustained by the Holy Spirit
- Then the following to show that we cannot obtain the righteousness required on our own works

- Romans 3:20 — “For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.”
- Galatians 3:10–11 — “For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, ‘Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.’ Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for ‘The righteous shall live by faith.’”
- Romans 8:3 — “For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh.”