

A NEW IDENTITY

Family Discussion Weekly Plan | Part 1

2 Corinthians 5:17 | Aug. 16, 2026

WEEKLY TRUTH

In Christ, your identity is no longer anchored to your past. You have been brought near, made new, clothed with Christ, and given freedom in Him.

READ TOGETHER

2 Corinthians 5:14-17; Ephesians 2:13; Galatians 2:20; Galatians 3:27; Galatians 2:4

SERMON RECAP

Being **in Christ** is both positional and transformative. Jesus changes where we stand with God and how we see ourselves. Our baptism identifies us with Christ, and our freedom is not something we have to manufacture - it is a reality we learn to live from in Him.

TALK ABOUT IT

1. When you hear the words “*new creation*,” what do you think God wants you to see differently about yourself?
2. Ephesians 2:13 says we have been “brought near.” How should knowing you are near to God change the way you pray and live?
3. What old labels, failures, fears, or opinions can compete with what Christ says about your identity?
4. Galatians 3:27 says those baptized into Christ have been “clothed with Christ.” What should become more visible in a person who is learning to live in that identity?
5. Where do you need to stop pursuing freedom as though it is far away and begin living from the freedom you already have in Christ?

FOR THE FAMILY

Kids	Name one thing Jesus says is true about you because you belong to Him.
Teens	What voices most influence how you see yourself? How can Scripture become the stronger lens?
Adults	Where are you still allowing a former season of life to define a person Christ has made new?

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

Each morning, say aloud: “**I am in Christ. I have been brought near. I am a new creation. I am clothed with Christ. His freedom is my portion.**” Then choose one action that agrees with that identity.

PRAY TOGETHER

Father, teach us to see ourselves through what You have done in Christ. Help us release old labels, live as people who have been made new, and walk in the freedom You have already given us. Let the life of Jesus become visible in the way we think, speak, choose, and love. Amen.

MEMORY VERSE: “*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come!*” - 2 Corinthians 5:17 (CSB)