

The Journey Begins: Foundations for Discipleship

Session 8: Our New Identity

Key Points – “Our New Identity”

1. The world will attempt to define who I am, but it is more important to know who _____ says I am.
 2. We receive a **new identity** at the moment of salvation — we become a new _____, part of a new _____, and share a new _____.
 3. We live the Christian life as we _____ in a relationship with _____.
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Who am I in God’s Eyes?

Read 1 Peter 2:9. What does this verse communicate about your acceptance?

How do Romans 8:1-2 and Romans 8:28 give you a sense of security? Why is security important?

Examine John 15:5, 16. How significant are you in God’s eyes? How should this change your view of yourself?

Who am I in Christ?

I am accepted...	
John 1:12	I am God's child.
John 15:15	As a disciple, I am a friend of Jesus Christ.
Romans 5:1	I have been justified.
1 Corinthians 6:17	I am united with the Lord, and I am one with Him in spirit.
1 Corinthians 6:19-20	I have been bought with a price and I belong to God.
1 Corinthians 12:27	I am a member of Christ's body.
Ephesians 1:3-8	I have been chosen by God and adopted as His child.
Colossians 1:13-14	I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins.
Colossians 2:9-10	I am complete in Christ.
Hebrews 4:14-16	I have direct access to the throne of grace through Jesus Christ.

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I am secure...	
Romans 8:1-2	I am free from condemnation.
Romans 8:28	I am assured that God works for my good in all circumstances.
Romans 8:31-39	I am free from any condemnation brought against me and I cannot be separated from the love of God.
2 Corinthians 1:21-22	I have been established, anointed and sealed by God.
Colossians 3:1-3	I am hidden with Christ in God.
Philippians 1:6	I am confident that God will complete the good work He started in me.
Philippians 3:20	I am a citizen of heaven.

I am significant...	
John 15:5	I am a branch of Jesus Christ, the true vine, and am rooted in Him.
John 15:16	I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit.
1 Corinthians 3:16	I am God's temple.
2 Corinthians 5:17-21	I am a minister of reconciliation for God.
Ephesians 2:6	I am seated with Jesus Christ in the heavenly realm.
Ephesians 2:10	I am God's workmanship.
Ephesians 3:12	I may approach God with freedom and confidence.
Philippians 4:13	I can do all things through Christ, Who strengthens me.

-Living Free in Christ, Neil Armstrong

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. What new insight do you have regarding who you are in God's eyes?

Read Ephesians 1:3-10. What are the characteristics and benefits of being in Christ?

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How Do I Live This Way?

Read John 15:4-5. Describe the relationship between the vine and the branch. According to this passage, how much can we do in our own strength?

Read Ephesians 3:14-19. What insights from this passage can you apply to your relationship with Christ?

Power For Living: The Indwelling Life of Christ – Christ in Me

Look at Galatians 2:20. What did it mean to Paul that Christ lived in Him? What does it mean to you?

Study Philippians 1:21 and Colossians 1:27-29. What insights do you gain from these passages?

In 2 Corinthians 12:9-10, what does Paul say about the effects of Christ dwelling in Him?

Observations about Christ living in me:

- Christ in me provides unlimited spiritual resources when I am weak. (2 Corinthians 12:9-10)
- Through this indwelling, I can experience moment-by-moment victory (rest, peace) which comes from Him. (Ephesians 2:14-16)
- He provides and clarifies my true hope, especially in trial and difficulty. (Colossians 1:27-29)
- Only Christ's resources can defeat the true enemy—Satan. (1 John 4:4)
- My spiritual growth is an ongoing process. (Philippians 1:6)

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Scripture & Reflection Questions

Use these to reflect on what a new identity in Christ means for your life.

What does Jesus say about His sheep and their security?

John 10:27-30 “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never _____; and no one will _____ them out of my hand.”

What happens when we live by the flesh according to Paul?

Galatians 5:19-26 Give one example of the “works of the flesh” listed: _____.
What is the contrast — a “fruit of the Spirit” — that believers are called to exhibit? _____.

Because of Christ’s sacrifice, we can approach God with _____.

Hebrews 10:19-25 What are we encouraged to do as a community (verses 24-25)? “Let us consider how to _____ one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together...”

2 Timothy 2:2 What is the pattern of discipleship that Paul describes? “The things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to _____ men who will be able to _____ others also.”
