

THINK LIKE JESUS

What Do I Believe and Why Does It Matter?

LESSON 5 – WHO AM I IN CHRIST?

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God views us as his own beloved children—significant beings, new creations, and heirs to his own kingdom. When we come to see ourselves the same way that God sees us, it leads to a new identity and a new outlook on life. Our worth is no longer defined by what we do but by **who** we know.

1. Key Question: WHO AM I?

When we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we are given a new identity and a new purpose in life.

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At our Spiritual birth, we become children, chosen and beloved, of the most high God.

2. I am SIGNIFICANT because of my POSITION as a child of God.

For most people, their worth as a person comes from their performance. But we need to be mindful of the voices that will come into our lives as we come to understand our new identity in Christ.

“The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.” Romans 8:16-17 (NIV)

3. You are SOMEBODY because you are the child of the ultimate SOMEBODY.

God wants to tell us exactly who we are, and the moment we profess our faith in him, we receive a new identity. God’s voice will whisper to us that we are his and silence the voices that have lied to us. As we start to continually listen to God and repeat who we are in him, we can believe his truth and act on it. - *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here.”*

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

If you fully believe your new identity in Christ, it will change the way you approach each day in at least four ways.

- 1) I am free from CONDEMNATION. – You no longer have to try to earn your relationship with God. *“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” Romans 8:1 (NIV)*
- 2) My worth comes from my position in Christ, not my PERFORMANCE.
- 3) I live to EXPRESS who I am in Christ, not to PROVE who I am.
- 4) I can focus on BUILDING others up, not TEARING them down.