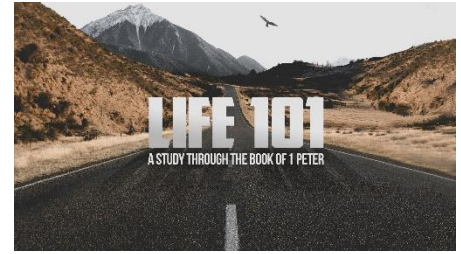


# Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: **LIFE 101 – 1 Peter**

**Part 5 – How God Sees You**

February 26, 2017



## **Connect** (10min)

**Open in Prayer:** Have one of your Group members Pray for your time together.

- \* What is 1 thing you're thankful for today?
- \* What is 1 thing we don't know about you yet?

## **Check-In** (15min)

**You & Jesus:**

**How were you encouraged, challenged or changed through your time with Jesus this week?**

(in your reading, praying, listening, learning)

**How can we encourage you in your relationship with Jesus this week?**

## **Sunday Message Feedback** (35min)

\* **Pastor Shawn** continues our LIFE 101 series in 1 Peter.

### **1. IDENTITY:**

- a. What are some common ways/sources through which people try to find or define their Identity in life?  
*(family, friends, credentials, work, talents, awards/titles, fame, clothing, possessions, pleasure, religion...)*
- b. Why do you think 'Identity' so important to us as Humans?

**2.** Without referring to Sunday's message how have you traditionally perceived God's thoughts about you?  
In other words in the past what words would you use to describe how you thought God sees you?

**3. Did Sunday's message change your perceptions of how God sees you? Why/why not?**

Read [1 Peter 2:4-10](#)

What jumps out at you from this passage of Scripture?

**4.** We heard this weekend how followers of Jesus have now become priests and Jesus has taken over the role of the high priest. Because he is in that role, things have changed dramatically for us.

**How do the following passages about Christ being our High Priest encourage you in your walk with him?**

- a. [Hebrews 4:14-16](#)
- b. [Hebrews 7:23-28](#)

- 5. Do you typically feel you have full access to God?** Why/why not?  
Have you ever believed or felt that you had to go through another human to access God?  
(ie. family member, saint, priest, pastor, leader) If so, how has this changed for you?
- 6. Do you ever have a hard time believing that Jesus understands the difficulties you face in life?** If so, explain.
- 7.** One of the primary responsibilities of the Old Testament priests was to offer the various sacrifices required by the law. While these sacrifices are no longer applicable today, there are still sacrifices that Christians are called to make. What do you find challenging about making the sacrifices found in the passages below?
- [Romans 12:1-2](#) – *Living Sacrifice (with our bodies & minds – ie. purity)*
  - [Philippians 4:14-19](#) – *Sacrifice of Giving/Generosity*
  - [Hebrews 13:14-15](#) – *Sacrifice of Praise*
- 8.** Have you ever had an experience where you were able to focus on the benefits of any of the actions mentioned in these scriptures, rather than on what you were giving up?
- 9.** Can you think of any other actions that could also be considered sacrifices we could make to God?
- 10.** Shawn mentioned that we are “*God’s possession.*”  
The King James Version translates this term as “*A peculiar people.*” We are God’s peculiar people which means people are going to see us as strange or even weird at times – specifically in how we act and respond to those around us.
- What are some ways that our actions should be seen as peculiar to those around us?
  - Can you think of a situation in your life where because of your peculiar response someone was drawn to Jesus, or at least wondered what was different about you? Share.

## Application & Prayer (20min)

*“Remember Whose you are and Whom you serve” – Oswald Chambers.*

Read [1 Peter 2:9-10](#) – You are *Chosen, a Royal Priest, a Holy Person & God’s Possession*

- Which truth about how God sees you do you struggle with the most  
(that you are a chosen person, a royal priest, a holy person or God’s possession)

Read [Jude 1:1](#) – You are *Called, Loved & Kept!*

- Pray** for one another and ask Jesus to help you see yourself as God sees you.

**Optional:** Read & Pray through the ‘Who I Am in Christ’ list this coming week. (see next page)

# Who I Am in Christ

## I AM ACCEPTED

|                 |  |
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| John 1:12       | I am God's child.                                      |
| John 15:15      | I am Christ's Friend.                                  |
| Romans 5:1      | I have been justified by God                           |
| 1 Cor. 6:17     | I am united with the Lord, & I am one spirit with Him. |
| 1 Cor. 12:27    | I am a member of Christ's body (The Church)            |
| Ephesians 1:1   | I am a Saint.  |
| Ephesians 1:5   | I have been adopted as God's child.                    |
| Ephesians 2:18  | I have direct access to God through the Holy Spirit.   |
| Colossians 1:14 | I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins.      |
| Colossians 2:10 | I am complete in Christ.                               |
| Hebrews 4:16    | I can find grace and mercy in time of need.            |

## I AM SECURE

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| Romans 8:1,2    | I am free forever from condemnation.                                |
| Romans 8:28     | I am assured that all things work together for His good.            |
| Romans 8:31     | I am free from any condemning charges against me.                   |
| Romans 8:35     | I cannot be separated from the love of God.                         |
| 2 Cor.1:21,22   | I have been established, anointed, & selected by God.               |
| Colossians 3:3  | I am hidden with Christ in God.                                     |
| Philippians 1:6 | I am confident that God will complete His work in me.               |
| 2 Timothy 1:7   | I have been given a spirit of power, love & a sound mind; not fear. |
| 1 John 5:18     | I am born of God, and the evil one cannot touch me.                 |

## I AM SIGNIFICANT

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| Matt. 5:13,14    | I am the salt and light of the earth.                     |
| John 15:1,5      | I am a branch of the True Vine, a channel of His life.    |
| John 15:16       | I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit.           |
| Acts 1:8         | I am a personal witness ambassador of Christ's.           |
| 1 Cor. 3:16      | I am God's temple (He live in me).                        |
| 2 Cor. 5:17      | I am a minister of reconciliation for God (a peacemaker). |
| 2 Cor. 6:1       | I am God's co-worker (1 Cor.3:9)                          |
| Ephesians 3:12   | I may approach God with freedom and confidence.           |
| Philippians 4:13 | I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.    |

## Announcements

### **MISSION – PASTA LUNCH**

**Sun. March 5. 12pm. Main Street Conference Hall/Café.**

\*\$20 (\$10 for Kids 12 & Under)

\*Proceeds go to support the Main Street Missions Fund. Meal served by the Seeds of Hope Missions Team.

### **BAPTISM Celebration**

**Sun. March 5. 6pm. Main Street Auditorium.** Info & Application: [www.mainstreetchurch.ca/baptism](http://www.mainstreetchurch.ca/baptism)

### **SET FREE Retreat**

**April 7-8.** Main Street Church. Info & Registration: [www.mainstreetchurch.ca/set-free](http://www.mainstreetchurch.ca/set-free)

### **FRESH START Finance Course**

**Wednesdays. May 10-31.** Main Street Church. Info & Registration: [www.mainstreetchurch.ca/fresh-start](http://www.mainstreetchurch.ca/fresh-start)