

## I. Review – *Greater Things*

A. **John 14:12 (NKJV)** – *“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father*

## B. Previous Sessions

1. Session 1 – Understanding Greater Things
2. Session 2 – Greater Things – Greater Thinking
3. Session 3 – Building Your New Self Image

## II. The Mystery

A. **Colossians 1:24-28 (NKJV)** – <sup>24</sup>*I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church, <sup>25</sup>of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God, <sup>26</sup>**the mystery** which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. <sup>27</sup>To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: **which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.** <sup>28</sup>*Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, **that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus****

**Colossians 1:27-28(ERV)** – <sup>27</sup>*God decided to let his people know just how rich and glorious that truth is. That secret truth, which is for all people, is that **Christ lives in you, his people. He is our hope for glory.** <sup>28</sup>*So we continue to tell people about Christ. We use all wisdom to counsel every person and teach every person. We are **trying to bring everyone before God as people who have grown to be spiritually mature in Christ.****

**Colossians 1:27-29 (JB Phillips)** – <sup>27</sup>*And the secret is simply this: **Christ in you!** Yes, **Christ in you bringing with him the hope of all glorious things to come.** To preach and teach Christ is everything to us. <sup>28-29</sup>*So, naturally,**

*we proclaim Christ! We warn everyone we meet, and we teach everyone we can, all that we know about him, so that, if possible, we may bring every man up to his full maturity in Christ. This is what I am working at all the time, with all the strength that God gives me.*

### 1. The Mystery – Christ in Us

- a. **Romans 16:** *The Mystery that was kept secret from when the world began*
- b. **1 Corinthians 2:7 (KJV)** – *But WE SPEAK the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory*
- c. **Ephesians 1:9 (KJV)** – *Having made known unto us the mystery of His will...*
- d. **Ephesians 3:4 (KJV)** – *Paul speaks of “My knowledge in the mystery of Christ.*

2. **Mystery** – a mystery is a hidden thing – secret thing – something concealed.

3. **God personally revealed to Paul this mystery and made it his assignment to teach it to the Body of Christ.**

**B. Jesus spoke of this mystery when He revealed how He would destroy Satan’s power over mankind.**

1. **John 12:31-33 (NKJV)** – <sup>31</sup>*Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.* <sup>32</sup>*And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself.* <sup>33</sup>*This He said, signifying by what death He would die.*
  - a. **Jesus declared the demise of Satan’s rule over mankind.**
  - b. **The key – His death on the cross. *If I be lifted up...signifying the death He would die.***
  - c. **Jesus would do HIS part in destroying Satan’s authority. Man must do their part by accepting what Christ did. The only means Satan has of continuing His reign over mankind is if man allows it by not receiving what Jesus did – and IDENTIFYING with Jesus’ victory over Satan and appropriating it to himself.**

2. **John 12:44-45 (NKJV)** – <sup>44</sup>*Then Jesus cried out and said, “He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me. <sup>45</sup>And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me*

**John 12:45 (NLT)** – *For when you see me, you are seeing the one who sent me.*

- a. **Jesus always identified with the father.**
  - b. **Identify** = He classified himself as one with the father. *You think you are the same as.*
  - c. **His words became the father’s words.**
  - d. **His actions were as His fathers were.**
  - e. **When you see me – or hear me – you are hearing and seeing the father.**
3. **John 12:49-50 (NKJV)** – <sup>49</sup>*For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. <sup>50</sup>*And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak.**
4. **Jesus begins to reveal to the disciples that he is leaving.  
He then begins to speak of the place He is preparing for us.**

**John 13:36 (NKJV)** – *Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, where are You going?” Jesus answered him, “Where I am going you cannot follow Me now, but you shall follow Me afterward.*

- a. Jesus reveals that He is leaving – *departing by the way of the cross.*
- b. You cannot follow me NOW to this place I am going to prepare – but AFTERWARD, (After I made entrance available to you through my death and resurrection) – you will be able to follow.

5. **John 14:1-3 (NKJV)** – <sup>1</sup>“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. <sup>2</sup>In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. **I go to prepare a place for you.** <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.**

- a. Mansions – rooms – space – dwellings – *There is room for many.*
- b. I go to prepare a place for you.  
*Many have recognized this only as the geographical destination of heaven.*
- c. Jesus was preparing SPACE for us – Securing ACCESS for us.  
Establishing a place for us. The place in the Father that had been lost at the fall in Genesis.
- d. To think only in the terms of Jesus preparing a home in heaven for us is limited. We must first think in the terms of the PLACE spiritually that He prepared for us through His death and resurrection.
- e. Through the NEW BIRTH – We have access to the SPIRITUAL PLACE/POSTION that Christ has secured for us – IN HIMSELF.

C. **John 14:5-6 (NKJV)** – <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. **No one comes to the Father except through Me.**

**John 14:6 (AMP)** – Jesus said to him, “I am the [only] Way [to God] and the [real] Truth and the [real] Life; **no one** comes to the Father **but through Me.**

**There is no access to the Father except through me – if not through me**

No other door!

**John 10:9 (NKJV)** – *I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.*

### III. Jesus Three Identifications

#### A. His Identification with the Father

**John 14:7-11 (NKJV)** – <sup>7</sup>*“If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.”*

<sup>8</sup>*Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.”*

<sup>9</sup>*Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? **He who has seen Me has seen the Father**; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”*

<sup>10</sup>**Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me?** The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. <sup>11</sup>**Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.**

**John 14:10 (CEV)** – *Don't you believe that I am one with the Father and that the Father is one with me?*

1. Jesus is saying – **MY IDENTITY is in the Father.**
2. He was the son of Mary.
3. He was raised as the son of Joseph – although Joseph wasn't his father.
4. He was referred to as the *Son of Man*.
5. He chose to identify with God His Father.
6. **Matthew 3:17 (NKJV)** – *And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”*  
*JESUS HAD TO BEGIN IDENTIFYING with God's declaration.*
7. In the temptation of Christ – Satan challenges him – *If you are the Son of God – challenging His Identify in the Father. Everything Satan attempted to get him to do was a denial of the reality of His identity as the Son of God – and get him to act according to human nature –*

*hunger – drive for power – etc. JESUS REFUSED TO IDENTIFY with his humankind – instead IDENTIFYING with the word of God – stating – this is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased.*

**B. His Identification with us – Our Identification with Him.**

**John 14:20 (NKJV)** – *At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.*

1. Jesus declares – not only am I in the Father but, I am in you.
2. Not only will Identify with you by being in you – You will identify me by being in m.
3. I in you – You in me. Jesus in me – Me in Jesus!
4. This is the great mystery of the New Creation.  
*Not only CHRIST IN ME – but ME IN HIM.  
BEFORE I CAN IDENTIFY WITH CHRIST IN ME.  
I MUST IDENTIFY WITH – ME IN HIM.*
5. This is how I am going to have access to the Father.  
Me in Jesus – Jesus in me!  
He identified with me – so I can identify with Him.

**C. John 17:20-23 (NLT)** – <sup>20</sup>*“I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. <sup>21</sup>I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me. <sup>22</sup>“I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one. <sup>23</sup>I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me.*

**John 17:22-23 (AMP)** – <sup>22</sup>*I have given to them the glory and honor which You have given Me, that they may be one, just as We are one; <sup>23</sup>I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected and completed into one, so*

*that the world may know [without any doubt] that You sent Me, and [that You] have loved them, just as You have loved Me*

**John 17:22-23 (CEV)** – <sup>22</sup>*I have honored my followers in the same way you honored me, in order that they may be one with each other, just as we are one.* <sup>23</sup>***I am one with them, and you are one with me, so they may become completely one.***

#### D. HOW DID JESUS IDENTIFY WITH ME?

1. **2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV)** – *For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him*

**2 Corinthians 5:21 (LSV)** – *He made Him having not known sin [to be] sin in our behalf, that we may become the righteousness of God in Him.*

2. Jesus was not only judged in our place.
3. He Became sin for us.
4. **Isaiah 53:6 (NKJV)** – *All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, everyone, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*
5. **Isaiah 53:12 (NKJV)** – *Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, and He was numbered with the transgressors, and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.*
6. **JESUS IDENTIFIED WITH ME BY TAKING MY SINS/IDENTIFYING WITH ME AS A SINNER**
  - a. When I get saved – I am justified – Just as I had never sinned.
  - b. When Jesus went to the cross – he died JUST AS IF HE WERE A SINNER.
  - c. He took my place as a sinner on the cross.



d. I take His place in righteousness before the Father.

**7. I NOW IDENTIFY WITH CHRIST BY TAKING HIS RIGHTEOUS STANDING BEFORE THE FATHER. IDENTIFYING AS A SON OF GOD.**

a. He identified as a sinner/transgressor/ fallen son.

b. I identify as a righteous son and heir of God.

c. **Isaiah 32:17 (NKJV)** – *The work of righteousness will be peace, and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.*

There is an abundance of peace and quietness and confidence that grows out of his righteousness.

*His supremacy over everything has brought us quietness. We rest in His rest.*

**8. I MUST KEEP MY IDENTITY IN HIM**

a. Never Going back to thinking of myself as the sinner. Jesus became that sinner.

b. Always thinking of myself as the Son – In Jesus I am that son with full access to the throne – enjoying all the benefits of salvation – IN CHRIST.

c. He in me – *taking my Sin.*

I in Him – *Taking his righteousness.*

*This is what Jesus was speaking of over and over again in John.*

*The miracle – of He being able to become me – and me being able to become him*

d. **Psalms 37:3 (NKJV)** – *Trust in the LORD, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.*

e. No longer feeding on failure and weakness, but feeding on his faithfulness.

- God inside minded
- Conscious of the one living inside me.
- Wisdom is in me
- Strength is in me
- Overcoming is in me
- Ability is in me
- Healing and health are in me.



**IV. THE RESULT – *The Hidden Life.***

**A. Colossians 3:1-3 (NLT)** – <sup>1</sup>Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. <sup>2</sup>Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. <sup>3</sup>For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God

**Colossians 3:1-3 (CEV)** – <sup>1</sup>You have been raised to life with Christ. Now set your heart on what is in heaven, where Christ rules at God's right side. <sup>2</sup>Think about what is up there, not about what is here on earth. <sup>3</sup>You died, which means that your life is hidden with Christ, who sits beside God.

**B. Various Scriptures and thoughts.**

- a. In Galatians 2:20 – I am crucified with Christ – *also Romans 6:6.*
- b. In Eph 2:6 – I am raised with Him.
- c. In 1 Peter 2:24 – We died to sin.
- d. I choose to identify with Jesus.
- e. I am in him – dying on the cross – overcoming Satan – raised from the dead.
- f. He is in me – His righteousness – His victory – His strength – His health – His completeness.
- g. I stand complete in Him.
- h. **Colossians 2:9-10 (NKJV)** – <sup>9</sup>For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. <sup>10</sup>And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:  
**Colossians 2:9-10 (AMPC)** – <sup>9</sup>For in Him the whole fullness of Deity (the Godhead) continues to dwell in bodily form [giving complete expression of the divine nature]. <sup>10</sup>And you are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life [in Christ you too are filled with the Godhead—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—and reach full spiritual stature]. And He is the Head of all rule and authority [of every angelic principality and power]