



The following is the summary of the Sunday sermon that is sent to the body at Steadfast in an email called "The Weekly"

The Battle For The True You - Part 2

When facing the spiritual battle it is imperative that you know your foundation and your position. If you start building on the wrong foundation, at some point along the way you will realize that your foundation is inadequate. Your efforts are an inadequate foundation. Your abilities are an inadequate foundation. Your bank account is an inadequate foundation. Your knowledge is an inadequate foundation. Your discipline and your determination, while important, are inadequate foundations. OUR FOUNDATION IS THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST. He alone is adequate and sufficient! If you try to build on someone or something other than Jesus (which we all do from time to time) you will find it inadequate to handle the attacks of the evil one. Jesus is our foundation and our position is IN Him! Satan will always attack your position in Christ (your true identity) because if he can convince you that you are something less than God says you are, then he clearly has the upper hand in the battle. We have become so consumed with doctrinal systems, plans of salvation, methods of ministry, popular conferences, and favorite speakers that we have neglected our relationship with Jesus when facing the spiritual battle. In reality the relationship with Jesus was what the apostle Paul was most consumed with. Paul was obsessed with being in Christ and Christ being in him. This is a relationship not a formula!

Why does being in Christ matter in the spiritual battle? Because of my position as one of His kids I have the spiritual authority to repel the attacks of the evil one (Romans 8:37). It is critical that you know who you are and what you have in Jesus Christ. Here are a few verses highlighting what God says about our true identity:

John 1:12 (*I am a Child of God*), Galatians 3:26-29 (*I am a son or daughter of God through faith, clothed with Christ, one in Christ*), Galatians 4:4-7 (*I am redeemed, adopted, and an heir of God because I am a child of God*), Ephesians 2:7 (*I am forgiven*). 1 Corinthians 3:23 (*I belong to Christ*), 1 Corinthians 6:20 (*I have been bought with a price*), Colossians 3:12 (*I am chosen of God, holy, and dearly loved*). Ephesians 2:10 (*I am God's workmanship, His*

handiwork, born anew to do His work). John 15:1-5 (I am attached to the Vine, a channel of Christ's life). Ephesians 2:6, Philippians 3:20-21 (I am a citizen of heaven, seated in heaven right now). Colossians 3:3 (I am hidden with Christ in God). Romans 6:18 (I am no longer a slave to sin but a slave of righteousness). 1 Thessalonians 5:5 (I am a son or daughter of light and not of darkness). Hebrews 3:1 (I am a holy partaker of a heavenly calling). Philippians 3:21, 1 John 3:1-3 (I have a glorious future and hope and will one day trade this earthly tent for a heavenly one). Romans 8:37 (I am a conquerer). 1 Corinthians 15:57 (I am victorious).

YOU ARE NOT HELPLESS or HOPELESS! **YOU ARE ONE OF HIS!** Spend the rest of your life learning and living who you are in Christ and what you have IN Him!

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