



Our True Identity

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Key Scriptures:

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV)

“Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

We Are New Creations

When we came to Jesus, He did not refurbish us into something “like new,” He made us completely new creations to be like Himself! We are called to no longer live our lives like the rest of the world, but to walk in our new identities by renewing our minds to God’s Word and Spirit. Living out our true identities brings God’s fullness to our lives and to those around us!

Living Out Our True Identity

- 1. We are not meant to be like this world.**
 - a. There is danger in conforming to this world (Romans 12:2).
 - i. People can come to Jesus but still act just like the world.
 - b. Pastor Mark found the missing link to changing his life was renewing his mind.
 - c. People can be saved but never learn their new identity.
 - i. Speaking to Christians Paul warns that to be carnally minded is death and encourages that to be spiritually minded is life and peace (Romans 8:6).
- 2. Our true identity is based on who we are in Christ Jesus.**
 - a. We need to find out who we are in Christ Jesus.
 - b. Get to know the “in Him” and “in Whom” statements of the New Testament.
 - c. We are new creations in Christ Jesus, old things are gone and God has given us a completely new life (Galatians 2:20, 2 Corinthians 5:17).
- 3. We have received a new identity for our new destiny.**
 - a. We are now God’s holy people, destined to reign in His kingdom (1 Peter 2:9).
 - b. We are accepted in the beloved, we are no longer rejected (Ephesians 1:4-7).
 - c. You are complete in Jesus, having all you need, right now (Colossians 2:10).
- 4. IDENTITY**
 - **I** = Who you are **I**n Christ Jesus
 - **D** = You are **D**elivered from the power of darkness
 - **E** = You have **E**qual position with Jesus
 - **N** = **N**ever look back
 - **T** = **T**hanks be unto God who always causes us to triumph
 - **I** = **I**t is finished
 - **T** = **T**ogether with Jesus
 - **Y** = **Y**ou are what the Word says you are, you have what the Word says you have, and you can do what the Word says you can do.

Supportive Scriptures

- **Romans 12:2** (Be transformed through mind renewal.)
- **Romans 8:6** (Being carnally minded is death, but being spiritually minded is life.)
- **Galatians 2:20** (I have been crucified with Christ, and now Christ lives in me.)
- **2 Corinthians 5:17** (We are new creations in Christ Jesus.)
- **1 Peter 2:9** (We are a chosen generation and royal priesthood.)
- **Ephesians 1:4-7** (God chose us in Jesus before the world began.)
- **1 Peter 1:10** (Once we were not a people but now we are.)
- **Colossians 2:10** (We are complete in Jesus.)