



Our True Identity Part 2

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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.”

Jesus Became Like Us So We Can Be Like Him

Jesus identified with mankind so mankind can identify with Him. We are now overcomers through His victory. We are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. When we are joined to the Lord, we are one with Him in Spirit. Though the enemy may come to attack our identity, we can overcome him just like Jesus did.

Identifying With Christ Jesus

- 1. Know who to identify with.**
 - a. The enemy attacks our identity.
 - i. If he challenged Jesus’ identity he will challenge yours (Matthew 4:1-11).
 - ii. Jesus responded with the Word, so should we.
 - b. Some identify with the wrongs done to them, or the wrongs they have done.
 - i. We can trust in the power of God’s grace toward us (Romans 5:20).
 - ii. God’s work in us far exceeds any damage to, or through us.
 - c. Christ in us is the one we should identify with (Galatians 2:20).
- 2. God put in Christ Jesus everything He wants us to have.**
 - a. We are new creation in Christ Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:17).
 - b. Jesus came to give us His abundant life (John 10:10).
 - i. We should acknowledge and pay attention to God’s life in us.
 - c. God identifies us as His very own, giving us His Spirit (Ephesians 1:13).
 - d. Our identity affects our destiny—our outcome in life.
- 3. Confessing our identity will affect our destiny and outcome.**
 - a. We respond to attacks on our identity with the Word of God.
 - b. Paul’s epistles contain the thoughts that Jesus carried away from this world unuttered in John 16:12-14 Jesus said He had more to say than the disciples could bear. These are the things the Holy Spirit revealed to Paul.
 - c. Declaring the “in Him” and “in Whom” scriptures empowers our faith (Philemon 1:6).
- 4. The power of “I am” statements.**
 - a. Whatever we follow “I am” with, gives it an invitation to be in our lives.
 - i. Don’t invite what you don’t want.
 - ii. Declare our desires saying, “I am blessed, healthy, strong, wise, etc...”
 - b. Faith calls those things that be not as though they were (Romans 4:17).

Supportive Scriptures

- **Romans 5:20** (Where sin increased, grace increased much more.)
- **John 17:24** (Jesus prays to the Father that we would be with Him.)
- **Galatians 2:20** (I have been crucified with Christ, and now Christ lives in me.)
- **Romans 8:15-16** (The Holy Spirit testifies with our spirits that we are sons of God.)
- **2 Corinthians 5:17** (We are new creations in Christ Jesus.)
- **John 10:10** (Jesus came to give us zoe life.)
- **Ephesians 1:13** (God marked us with His Holy Spirit.)
- **John 16:12-14** (Jesus had more to say to the disciples than they could bear.)
- **Philemon 1:6** (Our faith is empowered when we acknowledge the good things in us.)