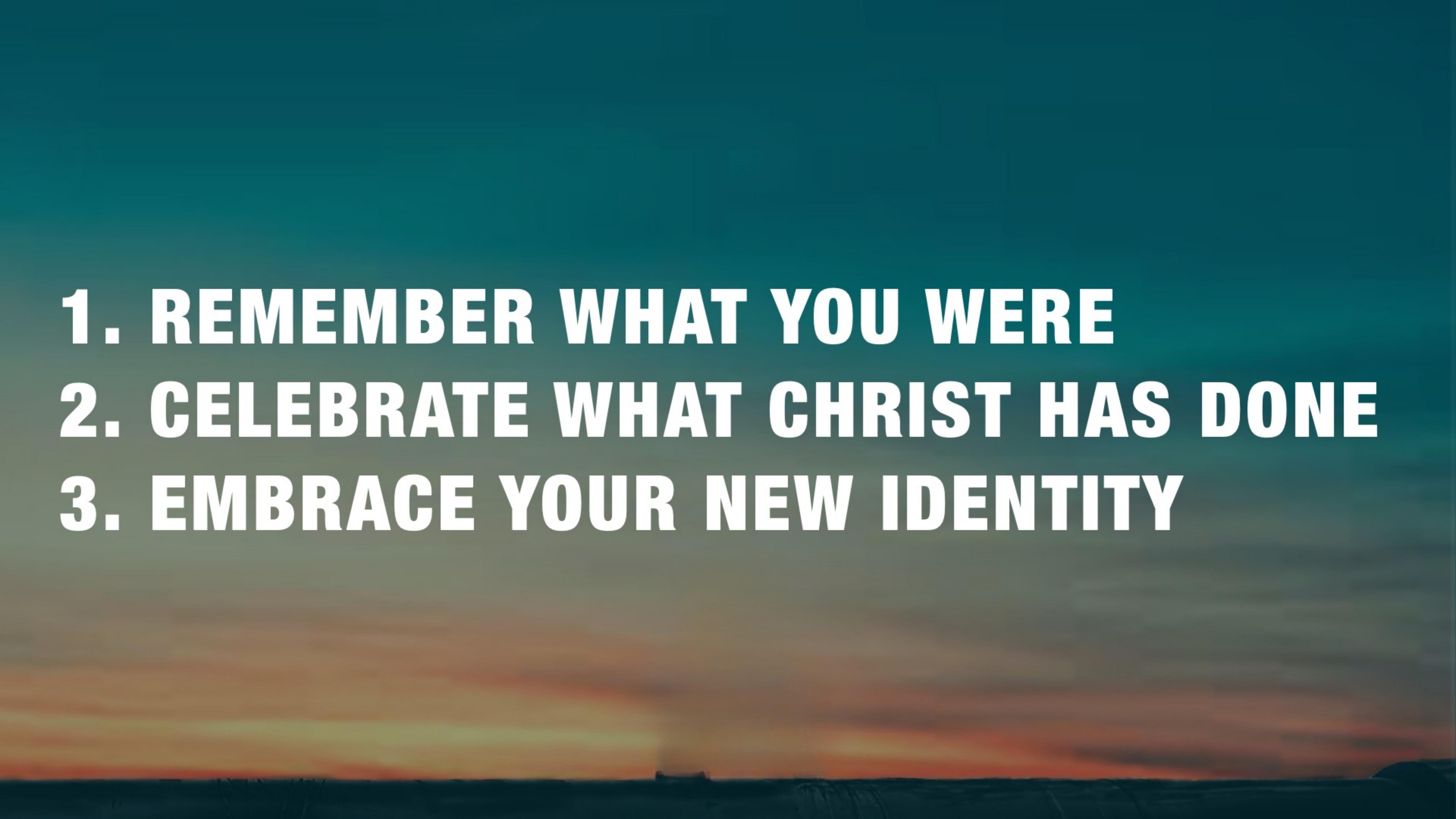


ONE IN CHRIST

EPHESIANS 2:11-22





- 1. REMEMBER WHAT YOU WERE**
- 2. CELEBRATE WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE**
- 3. EMBRACE YOUR NEW IDENTITY**

REMEMBER WHAT YOU WERE

EPHESIANS 2:11-12

Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

Gratitude grows from memory.



CELEBRATE WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE

EPHESIANS 2:13-18

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God has run to embrace those who were once far away.

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His blood opens the way into the very presence of God.

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**Jesus personifies this peace.
He embodies reconciliation.**

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His blood was shed so that enemies could become family.



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We are formally, officially, warmly ushered in by Christ Himself, accompanied by the Holy Spirit, into the welcoming arms of the Father.

EMBRACE YOUR NEW IDENTITY

EPHESIANS 2:19-22

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

**When you came to Christ,
you didn't just change your religion.
You changed your family.**



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We're not random bricks thrown together; we're carefully placed stones in a structure that God Himself is building.

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We are God's address on earth.
When the world looks at the church,
they should see God's dwelling place.

So what does this mean for us today? It means the walls that divide us—racial, economic, political, generational—have no place in God's family. Christ died to create "one new man," and we dishonor His sacrifice when we perpetuate division. It means your past doesn't define your future. You may have been far off, but in Christ, you've been brought near. It means you belong somewhere. In a world of increasing loneliness and isolation, you have a family, a citizenship, a home. Here at Fellowship we like to say we are a home for every generation. No matter your age, ethnicity, or social or economic status we welcome you to this spiritual haven. If you're here today and you've never placed your faith in Jesus Christ, the access He provides is available to you right now. You don't have to clean yourself up first. You don't have to earn your way in. You simply need to trust in what Christ has already done—His death for your sins, His resurrection for your life.

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