

## **TRUE IDENTITY:**

### **Session 1: My Position in Christ (II Corinthians 5:17)**

*Welcome to our study that we are calling "True Identity". In this study, you will learn who you really are as a child of God. Many believers lack an understanding of their true identity in Christ, but when you finish this study, you will have a greater knowledge of your position in Christ, who you are in Christ, and what belongs to you as a child of God! Get ready to discover your True Identity!*

(This study uses the New International Version of the Bible unless otherwise stated)

We need to understand our position in Christ!

#### **1. We are \_\_\_\_\_ Christ!**

##### ***II Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ..."***

- The moment that we are born again, our position is now "in Christ".
- Being "in Christ" speaks of being in union with Christ. We are now "one" with Him!

##### ***II Corinthians 5:18 "All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation."***

- Being "reconciled" means that God brings us into harmony with Himself.

##### ***II Corinthians 5:21 "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."***

- The moment that we are born again, we are made righteous.
- "righteous" means \_\_\_\_\_.
- On our own, we can never be righteous before God. We can never be good enough. (Read *Isaiah 64:6*)
- When we are born again, we are robed in the righteousness of Christ!

##### ***Galatians 3:26-27***

***<sup>26</sup> So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, <sup>27</sup> for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."***

- Jesus Christ is now your identity!

## 2. In Christ we have access to every spiritual \_\_\_\_\_!

- Now that we understand that our position is in Christ, we need to understand what is ours.

***Ephesians 1:3 “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.”***

- In Christ, we are blessed by God with “every spiritual blessing”!

***Ephesians 1:4-5 “For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love 5 He predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will”***

- We have been adopted by God into His family!
- As God’s son or daughter, we have access to everything that God’s Word says is ours.

***Ephesians 1:7-8 “In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace 8 that he lavished on us.”***

- God showers His riches on His children.

### **Conclusion:**

*Read the story of the Prodigal son in Luke 15:11-32.*

*Verse 31 “My Son, the father said, you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.”*

TAKE A MOMENT AND THANK GOD THAT YOUR POSITION IS IN CHRIST!

Answer key: 1. In / “righteousness” means to be in right standing with God  
2. Blessing