

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

26 So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, 27 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