

TRUE IDENTITY:

Session 2: Who I Am In Christ (II Corinthians 5:17)

Every child of God must realize that who we are now is not the same as who we used to be before we surrendered our life to Christ. Many people keep beating themselves up over sinful lifestyles of their past, even though their sins have been forgiven by Jesus Christ. Once we have an understanding of our position in Christ, we can begin to understand that we have a brand-new identity in Christ!

II Corinthians 5:17 (King James Version) “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

- When we are in Christ, we are a “new” creation.
- Old things have passed away and we have been made brand new.

1. Before Christ

- There is an identity that each of us possesses before we are born again.
- Before Christ we were in a state in which we were not acceptable or in right standing with God. We were sinners bound for Hell.

(Read: Romans 3:10; 3:23; 6:23; Ephesians 2:1-2)

2. After Christ

- The moment you are born again, you are not who you used to be. Your spirit man is made brand new.
- Jesus did not come to just improve our lives, but He came to make us brand new.
- We must be born again so that we are made brand new.
(Read I John 3:9)
- As a child of God, you are NO LONGER A SINNER. We are capable of sinning, but we should not expect to sin.
- All of this doesn't mean that we have reached total spiritual maturity yet or that there aren't still worldly flaws that need to be worked out of our lives, but our spirit is made brand new and now Christ can transform us from the inside out.

3. Who does the Bible say that I Am in Christ?

- 1.) A New Creation (*II Cor. 5:17*)
- 2.) Alive in Christ (*Ephesians 2:5*)
- 3.) Complete in Him (*Colossians 2:10*)
- 4.) Strengthened with all power (*Colossians 1:11*)
- 5.) Co-heir with Christ (*Romans 8:17*)
- 6.) More than a conqueror (*Romans 8:37*)
- 7.) One who has the mind of Christ (*I Corinthians 2:16*)
- 8.) God's handiwork (*Ephesians 2:10*)
- 9.) A partaker of His divine nature (*II Peter 1:3-4*)
- 10.) An ambassador of Christ (*II Corinthians 5:20*)
- 11.) The righteousness of God (*II Corinthians 5:21*)
- 12.) The temple of the Holy Spirit (*I Corinthians 6:19*)
- 13.) The head and not the tail (*Deuteronomy 28:13*)
- 14.) The salt of the earth (*Matthew 5:13*)
- 15.) The light of the world (*Matthew 5:14*)
- 16.) Forgiven (*Ephesians 1:7*)
- 17.) Rescued from the dominion of darkness (*Colossians 1:13*)
- 18.) Redeemed from the curse of the law (*Galatians 3:13*)
- 19.) Healed by His wounds (*Isaiah 53:5; I Peter 2:24*)
- 20.) Seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (*Ephesians 2:6*)

Conclusion:

- The old “you” is dead!
- Just because there are certain character flaws or diseases that run in your family does not mean that they have to continue on with you.
- You are made brand new in Christ! What God says about you is true, not what man says about you.

TAKE SOME TIME AND MEDITATE ON THE 20 ITEMS LISTED ABOVE AND THINK ABOUT WHO
YOU ARE IN CHRIST