

TRUE IDENTITY:

Session 3: What I Can Do In Christ (John 15:5)

In this session, we are going to look at what Jesus says to us in John 15 about what we can do now that we are “in” Christ. As we walk in fellowship with Christ, the life of Jesus in us allows us to do things that we could not do before. Let us discover what we can do in Christ!

As believers we are to bear fruit:

- Jesus is the vine and we are the branches.
- As we walk in fellowship with Christ, we will bear fruit because the life of Jesus is flowing through us. We are connected to the life-giving source.
- Fruit is speaking of evidence. As we walk in fellowship with Christ, there will begin to be evidence of the life of Christ working through us.
- Christ desires for us to bear “much fruit”.

What I can do in Christ:

1. Pray _____

John 15:7 “If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.”

- As we remain in Christ, His words will remain in us.
- If we are one with Christ, His message will be living and burning in our heart and we will know what it is that God desires to do.
- When we ask out of this knowing, we will be praying in faith and can be confident that God will answer.

I John 5:14-15 “This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. 15 And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.”

- We will pray effectively because we are praying according to His desires. When our prayers are us coming into agreement with what God desires, our prayers will be effective.

2. Stand against the Devil's _____

Ephesians 6:10-11 "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes."

- Notice that the strength and power we need is found in the Lord, which is where we are in Christ.
- Putting on the armor of God is speaking of putting on Christ.
- Too many people are walking in defeat because they do not understand that they have power and authority over the devil.
- The power of the Holy Spirit which is found in Christ and is available to you will cause you to walk in victory.

(For further study about the power and authority we have over the Devil, read... Matthew 16:18-19; Luke 9:1; Mark 16:17-18; Ephesians 2:6)

3. Walk in _____ and healing

Isaiah 53:5 "But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed."

- We have been redeemed from the curse of the law and sickness and disease is part of the effects of the curse of sin in the world. (*Galatians 3:13*)
- Divine health and healing are found in Christ.
- The Devil wants to oppress us with sickness and disease, but Jesus wants you to be well.

(For further study about divine health and healing, read... Exodus 15:26; Proverbs 3:7-8; 4:20-22; John 10:10; Acts 10:38; James 5:14-16; 1 Peter 2:24)

4. Possess the _____ of Christ

Galatians 5:16 "So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh."

Galatians 5:22-23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."

- If we truly walk in fellowship with Christ, His character will start taking over and shining through our lives. The fruit of the Spirit is the character of Christ.

- If our character and attitudes are not changing, then there is a disconnect somewhere.

5. _____ God

I Corinthians 12:7-11 “Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8 To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.”

- God desires to manifest or reveal Himself through each of us.
- The gifts of the Spirit listed in this passage are channels through which God reveals Himself and demonstrates His power to this world.

The nine manifestations of the Spirit listed in the above passage are message of wisdom, message of knowledge, faith, gifts of healing, working of miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, tongues & interpretation of tongues.

John 14:12 “Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.”

- As children of God, we are to be doing the works of Jesus. We are to be demonstrating the power of God to this world.
- We need to be baptized in the Holy Spirit, so that we can be empowered by God and demonstrate that power to this world. (Read Acts 1:8)
- As we demonstrate the power of God, people will come to know Jesus. Souls being saved is part of the fruit that we bear.

Conclusion:

- Let us expect to bear much fruit.

STUDY GOD'S WORD AND DISCOVER OTHER THINGS THAT YOU CAN DO AS YOU WALK IN
FELLOWSHIP WITH CHRIST

Answer key: 1. Effectively 2. Schemes 3. Health 4. Character 5. Manifest