

Lesson 12

Our Identity in Christ

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VIDEO OUTLINE

Note: All scriptures used in this lesson are quoted from the *New King James Version*.

- I. When God looks at you, He sees Himself.
 - A. The way we see ourselves is usually based on constant comparison to other people, for the good or bad.
 - B. When God sees you, He sees: potential, the Spirit, all of heaven, the kingdom, and Himself—Jehovah Rapha, the Healer. He sees you healed, prosperous, joyful, and full of wisdom.
 - C. When we realize how God sees us, even though we may stumble, we know He keeps extending His love and grace toward us.

For a righteous man may fall seven times and rise again, but the wicked shall fall by calamity.

Proverbs 24:16

- II. Identity in Christ is more than just making declarations. It has to become revelation and not just knowledge.
 - A. Words have power.

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

Proverbs 18:21

- B. I believe in speaking words of faith, life, and promise. I believe in speaking the Word of God.
- C. Sometimes we can parrot a lot of things we don't believe. We have to internalize them to be able to say that this is what God did for me.

III. You have been made a new creation in Christ Jesus.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17

- A. You have a new, absolute, born-again nature and now have the Spirit of God living inside you.
- B. Your old nature, identity, definition, and identification as a lost person have been erased.
- C. Start to renew your mind, and realize that there is a new you. Now, you can start seeing yourself the way God sees you.

IV. Your identity in Christ is a revelation you get when you start to agree with and see yourself the way God sees you.

- A. I see myself the way the Word declares that I am, and this is personal intimacy and revelation with God.
- B. What I do for Christ is not my identity in Him.
- C. My identity is in what He did and accomplished. It's in the finished work of the cross, the shed blood of Jesus, and the resurrection power that took captivity captive.

Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men."

Ephesians 4:8

D. My past is not my identity.

V. You have to come to know and believe the love of Christ toward you.

And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

1 John 4:16

A. When your identity is in Christ, you'll stop caring what other people say about you.

- B. As much as your friends, family, coworkers, and church members love you, no one loves you like the Father. And people, even in their humanity and their love for you, can start declaring things that are not the Word of God.
 - C. You've got to decide that you're going to accept God's provision and Word more than anybody else's declaration over you.
 - D. You're going to have to disagree with some people's opinions of your life.
- VI. The Spirit of God has been sent to lead and guide you into all truth and understanding.

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

John 16:13

- A. You live in this world, but you can be crucified to the ways of the world by saying, "No, I do not receive it. I do not submit to it. I do not believe it. I do not listen to it. I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Galatians 2:20

- B. We live, move, breathe, and have our identity in Him.

For in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.'

Acts 17:28

- C. The Enemy tries to tell us that God uses bad things to teach us something. God doesn't do that. However, God can take whatever the Enemy tries to kill, steal, and destroy and say, "Watch me be God."

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

Romans 8:28

VII. God's goal is that you—and the world—would see that you look like Jesus.

A. God calls you justified, glorified, and predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son.

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

Romans 8:29–31

B. Get the revelation that if God is for you, no one can be against you. It's settled!

C. When you know how God sees you, you'll be able to overcome every temptation.

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