

Our Identity In Christ

1) Our New Identity, The Meaning:

2 Cor. 5:17; *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away, behold all things have become new.”*

Identity: the collective aspect of the set of characteristics by which a thing is definitively recognizable or known. The quality or condition of being the same as something else.

The results of our new identity are:

2) A New Relationship:

New Father:

We now have the same relationship with our heavenly Father that Christ has, we are His children.

Romans 8:1; *“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.”*

We can approach Him with confidence and ask of Him what we need.

Hebrews 4:16; *“Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”*

We can ask for His guidance and wisdom we, know that He will give us just what we need.

James 1:5; *“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.”*

New Family:

This new family encompasses a vast body of believers from every corner of the world, who strive together to grow closer to God.

1 Cor. 12:13; "For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and have all been made to drink into one Spirit."

This family is made stronger because we share our gifts with each other. It is a new family that seeks the best for one another, encourages each other, and when we fail we are willing to forgive each other.

Most of all this new family responds to each other in love, not just in feelings, but a selfless, conscious act of sacrifice.

3) A New Residence:

Philippians 3:20; “For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.”

We understand that we are a part of a heavenly, God-ruled kingdom.

A New Found Mission:

2 Corinthians 5:11-13; *“Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also, trust are well known in your conscience. For we do not commend ourselves again to you, but give you opportunity to glory on our behalf, that you may have something to answer those who glory in appearance and not in heart.”*

A New Found Passion:

2 Corinthians 5:14-15; *“for the love of Christ constrains us, because we judge thus; that if One died for all, then all died; and he died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.”*

The things of this world are no longer over appealing to us.

Colossians 3:1-4; “If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.”

We don't place so much importance on things the world values.

1 Timothy 6:9-11; "But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness."

We think differently.

Romans 12:1-2; *“I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable of God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”*

4) A New Recognition:

We begin to realize that we are no longer slaves to sin that we have power of sin in our lives.

Read Romans 6:1-14

That we can grow spiritually and continue becoming more and more like Christ.

Romans 8:28-29; “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. 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.”

That we can impact the world that we live in today.

Matthew 5:14-16; *“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”*