



Sermon Notes: Identify Your Identity

One and The Same

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“I have found when I am disqualified but identify my identity in Christ. I walk away with the victory every time.” – Pastor Joe Starling

Power Points:

- **Definition: Identification**
- **Introduction to the New You**
- **In Christ Prayer: Ephesians 1**
- **Key to the Gospel (The Power of Prepositions)**

Corinthians 5:17 (KJV)

https://biblehub.com/2_corinthians/5-17.htm

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Identification Defined

To make identical. To consider or treat **one and the same**. Ex: Passport or driver license, your school id or job badge.

The document states who I am. The document and me are **One and the Same**.

As Believers we must see our identification with Christ or In Christ.

Introduction to the New You

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Introduction to the New You: "Let God introduce you to your new self"

Ephesians 2:10 God Workmanship

<https://biblehub.com/ephesians/2-10.htm>

*For we are his workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus** unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*

Ephesians 2:10 Amplified Bible

For we are His workmanship [His own master work, a work of art], created in Christ Jesus [reborn from above—spiritually transformed, renewed, ready to be used] for good works, which God prepared [for us] beforehand [taking paths which He set], so that we would walk in them [living the good life which He **prearranged and made ready** for us].

God put into Christ everything He wanted you to be.

He deposited into Christ everything He wanted you to have.

Everything God did in Christ He did for us. It's set to the credit of our account,

As if we did it. We are identified with Christ.

We are given the same identical life that God gave to Christ.

One and The Same Life (Position, Present tense, and Possible by Grace)

Ephesians 2:4-6 King James Version

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians%20%3A4-6&version=KJV>

⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

⁵ Even when we were dead in sins, **hath quickened us together** with Christ, (**by grace** ye are saved;)

⁶ And hath **raised us up together**, and made us **sit together** in **heavenly places in Christ Jesus**:

Made Alive (quicken) Together with Him, Raised us up together, and to sit together

Divine Position In Christ: Together

You are never fighting for victory as a believer. You are always fighting from a place of victory.

We are never fighting for victory. We are fighting from a place of victory.

Psalms 23:4 I walk through the Valley The valley is not in me....

(I am Not In Crisis I am IN Christ).

We are NOW in Christ. We are not in crisis we are in Christ. We have been in **Christ-ed**. Christian = Christ Like, Christ Identity or Identify with Christ.

The Word "Christ" means the anointed and his anointing.

The Term "In Christ" is a term the Holy Spirit uses to describe **the spiritual reality** every believer has the moment they receive Christ as Lord.

Take your place In Christ. Identify your Identity: In Christ

Not Progressional but Now "He Hath quicken..."

We identify with him we have the same identical:

- Life
- Righteousness
- Blessing
- Authority
- Access
- Victory

We are In Christ Now. Present tense.

In Christ, does not take place someday in the future. In Christ is not an event that happens when we get to Heaven. In Christ, is *not some spiritual position you grow into*. It's your new identity. It's not progressively obtained. God Has Given it to you. In Christ is Your Identity.

Made Possible by Grace: It's By Grace

His Great, love and mercy (See Ephesians 2:4-5)

It's the Grace of God that identifies you with Christ. Thereby provides you the same identical life He gave to Christ.

Legalism keeps you trying to earn something for God. (Trying to qualify)

Grace allows you to identify with God and receive (by why of revelation) what has been given by God. Amazing Grace

In Christ Prayer: Ephesians 1

Paul is not praying for your consecration, nor for dedication. Paul is praying for us to receive revelation. That we see who we are in Christ.

Dedication is connected revelation. Every breakthrough you experience is connected to revelation. We are changed when we see the Love of God and the Power of God in Christ. When we see what God has done for us in Christ.

Paul letters all center around this: Revelation/ to See

Every breakthrough in faith. Comes from a breakthrough in revelation knowledge. The Word of God shows us what happen in the spirit. "The Eyes of your heart/understanding"

The Term In-Christ

Paul's letters are an explanation of his conversion. His letters are centered around this term "In Christ" use 130-160 times in His writing. What God did in Christ is the center of his writing and teaching. What God did in Christ for us.

We need the help of the holy spirit to see fully of what God has done in us.

Paul letters are his explanation of what happened (his conversion) when he meets Christ. Paul was given a revelation of what God did in Christ and in us.

Typical Pauline verses express the absolute new identity of a Christian.

Paul letters are center around, what you are, and who you are now

Paul's Testimony of His Conversion record in: Act 9, 22, 26

Paul revelation was not just for him, but for us all....

Ephesian 1:15-22

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians%201%3A15-22&version=KJV>

15Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,

16Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;

17That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

18The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

19And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

20Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

21Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

22And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, 23Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

Read once or twice a day for 6 months. (Write on index card KJV and Amplified Bible translations...)

This spirit of revelation allows us to see what God saw in Christ. We will find ourselves in Christ.

Key to the Gospel (The Power of Prepositions)

In Christ. "In" is a preposition.

"The key to the gospel is in the prepositions. little words: **for, in, with, through, and by**. They show **relationship**. In the English language prepositions are not designed to carry the weight that the gospel requires them to carry. They break down under the pressure and don't relay their importance...They go almost unnoticed" – Arthur S Way – Translation New Testament and Paul letters.

The key to gospel is in the prepositions they show: connection, association, union, and substitution.

Hebrews 9:12 (for = connection)

<https://biblehub.com/hebrews/9-12.htm>

¹² Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption **for** us.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (for = substitution/identification In Christ/ Union with Christ)

https://biblehub.com/2_corinthians/5-21.htm

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

P.C. Nelson "We are literally made holy by recognizing are identification with Christ. His death and resurrection. By Daily confession, we reconnect each day with this Truth."

Romans 6:6 (Recognition/Recognizing) a truth we know this

(Note: the **preposition** "with" union/association....My Identity in Christ)

<https://biblehub.com/romans/6-6.htm>

Knowing this, that our old man is crucified **with** him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin."

Romans 6: 11 KJV

<https://biblehub.com/romans/6-11.htm>

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Recognition

Reconning – accounting term. Accountant don't make the figures. They just record them. What God has done in Christ. You don't make it so. You just agree with it.

If you are struggling with something. ***Remember: Mind renewal begins with identification.*** Go to the root of who you are in Christ. Recognize what Christ has done.

Galatians 2:20

"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."**

<https://biblehub.com/galatians/2-20.htm>

Philippians 4:13 KJV

<https://biblehub.com/philippians/4-13.htm>

I can do all things **through** Christ which strengtheneth me.

Philippians 4:13 AMP (Preposition: Through shows Association with Christ/In Christ/My Identity)

I can do all things [which He has called me to do] **through** Him who strengthens and empowers me [to fulfill His purpose—I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency; I am ready for anything and equal to anything **through** Him who infuses me with inner strength and confident peace.]

"People have faith for things, for healing, for family and friends. Why not have faith in Christ. Have faith in your new identity. Faith to Identify your identity in Christ." – Pastor Joe Starling