

I know who I am.

Agape Life Church

Part 2

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*For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. **It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes.** Rom. 1:16 NLV*

I. The Power of the Salvation We Have In Christ

*Anyone who belongs to Christ **has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to Himself through Christ.** 2 Corinthians 5:17*

***Become complete.** Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. 2 Corinthians 13:11*

A. Our new position in Christ.

Romans 1:17 says that righteousness is what the gospel reveals.

B. Our new status as children of God.

*"I will be a **Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty.**" 2 Corinthians 6:18*

II. See Yourself the Way God Sees YOU

Many are far more preoccupied with their old lives rather than getting more familiar with their new life.

*Beloved, we are [even here and] now God's children; **it is not yet disclosed (made clear) what we shall be [hereafter], but we know that when He comes and is manifested, we shall [as God's children] resemble and be like Him, for we shall see Him just as He [really] is.** 1 John 3:2 AMP*

The enemy fights our identity **because with an understanding of our identity comes an understanding of our rights and privileges as children of God.**

Letting the right things establish your identity can be some of the **most difficult but also the most important** work you can ever do.

*Don't lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old evil nature and all its wicked deeds. In its place you have clothed yourselves **with a brand-new nature** that is continually being renewed as you learn more and more about Christ, **who created this new nature within you.** Col. 3:9-10 (NLT)*

Core Point: The incredible work God has done for us gives us a completely new life in Christ! God solves everything by giving us a brand new beginning in Christ; our status as new creations gives us our position as the beloved children of God.

...put off your old self... and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4:20-24

III. Walking Out Your New Life Confidently

The Hebrews didn't just have confidence they had something even better; they had "**God-confidence**". Their worldview was God-centered, and it made all the difference when it came to their knowing what to do when the pressure was on.

What lessons can we learn from their God confidence?

A. Acquire an unshakable sense of destiny.

***But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.** Psalm 33:11*

This means you can be certain God has your destiny all securely planned out for you. He's working on our behalf even when we can't see it all. He has a plan and purpose in whatever we walk through.

*Remember the former things long past, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me, **Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, "My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure."** Isaiah 46:9-10*

B. An identity as the chosen covenant people of God.

*It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, **He had His eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose He is working out in everything and everyone.** Eph. 1:11-12 (MSG)*

*And you also **became God's people** when you heard the true message, the Good News that brought you salvation. **You believed in Christ, and God put His stamp of ownership on you by giving you the Holy Spirit He had promised.** The Spirit is the guarantee that we shall receive what God has promised His people, and this assures us that God will give complete freedom to those who are His. Let us praise His glory! Eph. 1:13-14 (GNT)*

C. A Confident expectation of God's Blessing and Favor.

*And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed." **So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.** Galatians 3:8-9 (Gen. 12:1-3)*

What does this mean? It means that God really loves you—and He wants you to be successful in the plans that He has for you. **He has provided His FAVOR to help you!**

Core Statement: I believe in the power of my new identity in Christ! I am discovering the power of my new life... I will walk confidently in my new identity. I know God's blessing and favor enable His destiny to come to pass in my life!