

IDENTITY IN CHRIST

MODULE 3 WEEK 2

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THE NEW BIRTH= NEW DIVINE NATURE.

- When we were born again into the family of God and were adopted as Sons and Daughters into the Kingdom of God our old fleshly nature (old beliefs, desires, and patterns of thinking) were replaced with the Nature of God and we were given new Godly desires, and a desire to be obedient to God and His Word.
- We were Given a new heart that desires God, The mind of Christ to understand the things of the Spirit, And our Spirit is regenerated and united forever with the Holy Spirit giving us guidance and strength to overcome sin and ourselves.

YOUR IDENTITY IS SETTLED!

- Your identity is settled once and for all and flows from the Deep love God has for you. Tetelestai (IT IS FINISHED). You do not have to strive or strain, to become anything. You already are!!!
- You Are Loved. You are loved when You do everything right, you are loved when you do everything wrong. You are loved in Rebellion, You are loved when you walk in obedience with faithfulness! You are loved if You preach the Walls down, You are loved if you just cussed your wife up and down!
- God is LOVE its not what He does its who He is. It is His very nature. He loves you because every action thought word and deed that God has ever done Has been in love, and YOU are the object of that great love. Praise God!!!! Your identity is received, not achieved.

THE IMAGE BEARERS OF GOD.

- All of the verses in “Who I Am in Christ” are well and good, they are important, but we must be careful that we aren’t putting our faith in them like they are some kind of spellbook or incantation. They are not declarations that we muster up enough Faith and declare enough they will become true. NO! they are already True and we declare them to speak to our soul to tell it who it is. It’s less about the Words on the paper, as it is about the spirit behind them, which is :
- You are all LOVED Children and Image bearers of God. Wholly loved, Complete in the Father, you have intrinsic Value to God. You are the physical representation in this natural world designed and created to be what reveals Christ to the World.

RENEWING THE MIND TO OUR NEW IDENTITY

- Renewing the mind is necessary because we have lived in this world system specifically designed to contradict God and His ways. Your environments, schools, friends, families, everything around you is influenced by darkness, and we were all raised that way to some degree.
- Couple that with the fact that all of us have been led by our own desires, and emotions for the majority of our lives and have all experienced Trauma to some degree and it becomes plain to see that our Minds must be renewed to who God designed us to be.
- **Romans 12:1-2-** *I beseech^[a] you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your ^[b]reasonable service. ² **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.***



YOUR SPIRIT IS NEW, BUT YOUR MIND REMEMBERS THE OLD LIFE.

- Our Spirit was born again immediately and is perfect whole and complete lacking nothing; but our mind must be renewed day by day because a lot of the things of the spirit do not come naturally and are even counterintuitive to the natural man and the way we've always done things.
- We have trauma, personality defects, strongholds (wrong thinking, ungodly emotions, patterns, habits, hurts, and hang-ups) that must be renewed to God's Truth in order for us to unlock all that God has for us. Character is ALWAYS greater than Calling!!!!!!

IMPORTANT DISTINCTIONS:

- **Experiences do not dictate Identity.** (we all have been through bad things, but they don't define you, Jesus does: You are a New creation)
- **Temptation is not sin,** if it was Jesus Would have sinned. He was Tempted in all ways in which we were yet with out sin. Don't beat yourself up for bad thopughts or lusts, Just deny them and move on.
- **Thoughts are not always Truth.** Every thought is not yours and does not come from you, just because you think something doesn't mean its true! Example: I love the Lord with all my Heart. Sometimes a random cuss word runs through my mind out of nowhere. I'm not going to stop and beat myself up because of that and start this long confession to God, that's not in my heart to think like that so if I don't want to think that chances are it didn't come from me. So I let it go don't give it attention and I move on.



HOW RENEWING THE MIND ACTUALLY WORKS

- **Step 1: Expose Old Identity Beliefs**
- **Step 2: Replace Lies with Identity Truth- MEDITATION**
- **Step 3: Agree with God Through Confession**

STEP 1: EXPOSE OLD IDENTITY BELIEFS

- We often have thought processes like: I'm just struggling, I'm never going to overcome this, I'm just like this, this is just how I am, I'll always battle this, God must have made me this way, or even God is disappointed with me. That is not true, it is contrary and even contradictory to the Word of God!
- In fact to continue to agree with that line of thinking tells God: I don't believe you, I'm right your wrong, and I know better. That is terrifying!!
- So Here is where the How to Begins. This is the most important scripture to Renewing the mind in my opinion shares its wisdom with us:
- **2 Corinthians 10: 3-5** - For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. ⁴For the weapons of our warfare are not ^[a]carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

STEP 2: REPLACE LIES WITH IDENTITY **TRUTH- MEDITATION**

- **John 8:31-32-** *³¹ Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³² And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”*
- **Ephesians 1!!!!!!**
- You’ll notice I didn’t put any actual verses next to Ephesians 1... that is because the entire first chapter is about identity! Were going to turn there together right now and go over some. Everywhere you see In Him: THAT’S YOU!!! Right? Your in Him aren’t you? Then lets see what that makes You.
- Truth is NOT information- it’s revelation. It’s not enough to just know these things. You need the power of God to reveal that these things are true about you and you need to reach out grasp them and make them yours!!!

STEP 3: AGREE WITH GOD THROUGH CONFESSION

- **Your Life will follow the Direction of Your confession!!** Life and death lie in the power of the tongue, what you speak is what you get. Who ever said sticks and stones lied!!! We proliferate whatever we speak so we are ALWAYS advancing one kingdom or another in people, If we agree with and speak God's Word- life and Godliness... If we speak fear, anxiety, anger, lusts, contentions, arguments, offense (the language of the enemy)- then Death!

APPLYING IDENTITY IN DAILY LIFE

- This is practical application. As I have said We have to apply God's Word especially identity into our lives daily in order to live from our new identity. This is not trying to become- This is living from what's already true.
- **Application In Temptation:**
- **Romans 6:11-** *¹¹ Likewise you also, [^a]reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*
- **Application in Failure:**
- **1 John 1:7-9(NKJV)** *But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.*
- *⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*