

## **My Identity in Christ**

### **Module 3 Week 1**

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#### **The Foundation: Identity in Christ – From New Birth to New Mind**

**Matthew 22:37-40 – 37 Jesus said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’**

**38 This is the first and great commandment.**

**39 And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’**

**40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”**

- Loving God and others is tied to loving yourself.
- Understanding your value to God shapes how you love others.
- Identity must be established first.

**1 John 4:20 – 20 If someone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?**

- Love for others proves love for God.
- Identity creates proper order: God → self → others.
- Identity leads to intimacy and purpose.

#### **The New Birth**

**John 3:3-6 – 3 Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”**

**4 Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?”**

**5 Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.**

**6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”**

- New identity begins with being born again.
- Sin separated us; Jesus restores us.
- This is a spiritual transformation, not behavior change.

**John 1:12-13 – 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:**

**13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.**

**Romans 6:4 – 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.**

**Galatians 2:20 – 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.**

**Romans 10:9-10 – 9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.**

**10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**

- Salvation is through faith, not works.
- We receive a completely new life in Christ.
- Identity comes before behavior.

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

**2 Corinthians 3:18 – 18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.**

- We are new creations.
- Transformation happens by beholding Christ.
- We must believe what God says about us.

## **Conclusion**

- Identity is based on what God declares, not feelings.
- Our identity is eternal and unchanging.
- What we believe determines how we live.