

PPT “Your Identity in Christ” Resurrection Life Series

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John 1:12-13 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.

**The real me is my born-again spirit
I am a spirit; I have a soul and I live in a body**

Created in the Image of God

Genesis 1:27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

You Are a New Creation

2 Corinthians 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 Definition: From the Latin word *idem*, meaning “same.”

- The distinguishing inner character and outer conduct forming a person’s image.
Proverbs 27:19 As in water face reflects face, So a man’s heart reveals the man.

Inner and Outer Identities

The visible You - How you are known by others

Proverbs 20:11 Even a child is known by his deeds, Whether what he does is pure and right.

The Real You - How you are known by God

Proverbs 21:2 Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, But the LORD weighs the hearts.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

For the love of Christ compels 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.

2 Corinthians 5:16

Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer.

- To Know Christ according to the flesh is to evaluate him from a human point of view.
- Heb 5:7 he has ascended to heaven and is now glorified at the Father’s right hand.

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- A new position – in Christ
- A new person – new creation
- A new perspective – behold, all things have become new

Read Bishops Word**Gen. 32:22-30 Story of Jacob**

Genesis 32:26-28 And He said, “Let Me go, for the day breaks.”

But he said, “I will not let You go unless You bless me!”

So He said to him, “What is your name?” He said, “Jacob.”

And He said, “Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men and have prevailed.”

- Jacob’s name had to change in order for him to apprehend his destiny

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Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

- Because God has made it possible for us to be his children...we are given a new nature which is submissive.
- We are a new person in Christ

John 6:63 “It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.”

All things become new = A new perspective**Go to the Word to See Your Spirit**

James 1:23 -25– hearer and not a doer like a man beholding his face in a glass –

For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.

But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

A total transformation takes place – You have a new perspective

2 Cor 5:17 New creature old things passed away and All things become new.

The Lord has totally changed you – present tense all things have become new

- Born again Your spirit is perfect, mature and complete in Jesus Christ

You are in Christ and Christ is in you

Your identity and make up is identical to Jesus

Get your soul in agreement – mind, will, emotions and conscience

He Made You Alive

Ephesians 2:1-4 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the

air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

Dead in trespasses – Spiritually Dead - A living corpse: without the gracious presence of God's Spirit in the soul, and so unable to think, will, or do aught that is holy. (JFB)
in trespasses ... sins--in them, as the element in which the unbeliever is, and through which he is dead to the true life. Sin is the death of the soul.

Ephesians 4:17-19 This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

1 John 5:19-20 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one. And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

Galatians 3:26-29 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

