

CHRIST FELLOWSHIP CENTRE

OUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST

Living from the New Creation

MONTHLY SERMON SERIES | FOUR-WEEK TEACHING GUIDE

Prepared for ministry teaching and discipleship

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SERMON SERIES CONTENT

A complete four-week CFC teaching resource for preaching, Bible study, discipleship and ministry development.

OUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST Monthly Sermon Series Theme Scripture:

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

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MONTHLY SERMON SERIES OVERVIEW

This series is designed for 4-5 weeks and focuses on helping believers understand who they are in Christ, what Jesus accomplished on the cross, and how to walk confidently in their God-given identity.

WEEK 1 - YOU ARE A NEW CREATION Main Scripture:

2 Corinthians 5:17

Introduction

Many believers struggle because they do not know who they are in Christ. The enemy attacks identity before destiny.

Before Jesus started His ministry, Satan challenged His identity:

"If You are the Son of God..." - Matthew 4:3

Identity confusion leads to:

- Fear
- Low self-esteem
- Sinful compromise
- Spiritual weakness
- People-pleasing

But when we know who we are in Christ, we walk in victory.

1. THE OLD LIFE HAS PASSED AWAY Scripture:

Romans 6:6

"Knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him..."

When we received Christ:

- Our old sinful nature died

- Our spiritual position changed
- Our past no longer defines us

Example:

A prisoner released from jail is no longer called a prisoner legally. Likewise, believers are no longer slaves to sin.

2. YOU HAVE BEEN MADE NEW Scripture:

Ephesians 4:24

"Put on the new man which was created according to God..."

God does not renovate the old nature; He creates something new. Examples of the new identity:

- From sinner to saint
- From rejected to accepted
- From condemned to forgiven
- From darkness to light

3. YOUR IDENTITY IS IN CHRIST, NOT IN PEOPLE Scripture:

Galatians 2:20

"It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me..."

Your identity is not based on:

- Your past
- Your failures
- Your education
- Your background
- People's opinions

It is based on Christ alone. Illustration:

A R200 note remains valuable even if crushed or dirty. Likewise, your value comes from God.

APPLICATION

Ask yourself:

- Am I living from my past or from God's promises?
- Do I believe what God says about me?

DECLARATIONS

- I am a new creation in Christ.

- My past is forgiven.
- I belong to Jesus.
- I walk in victory.

WEEK 2 - YOU ARE A CHILD OF GOD Main Scripture:

John 1:12

"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God..."

1. SALVATION BRINGS ADOPTION Scripture:

Romans 8:15

"You received the Spirit of adoption..."

God is not merely our Creator; through Christ He becomes our Father.

2. GOD LOVES YOU AS A FATHER Scripture:

1 John 3:1

"Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us..."

Many people know God as powerful but not as Father. Characteristics of God the Father:

- He protects
- He provides
- He disciplines in love
- He guides
- He welcomes us

3. YOU HAVE AN INHERITANCE Scripture:

Romans 8:17

"And if children, then heirs..."

Believers inherit:

- Eternal life
- Peace
- Authority
- God's promises
- The Kingdom

Example:

The prodigal son still belonged to the father even after failure (Luke 15).

APPLICATION

Stop living like an orphan when you are a son or daughter of God.

DECLARATIONS

- God is my Father.
- I am loved by God.
- I am accepted in Christ.
- I am an heir of God.

WEEK 3 - YOU ARE FORGIVEN, RIGHTEOUS, AND FREE
Main Scripture:

Romans 8:1

"There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus..."

1. YOU ARE FORGIVEN Scripture:

Colossians 1:13-14

"In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins."

Jesus paid for every sin on the cross.

2. YOU ARE THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD Scripture:

2 Corinthians 5:21

"For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us..."

Righteousness means:

- Right standing with God
- Acceptance before God
- Cleansed by Christ

3. YOU ARE FREE FROM SIN'S POWER Scripture:

John 8:36

"Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed."

Freedom in Christ includes:

- Freedom from guilt
- Freedom from shame
- Freedom from bondage
- Freedom from fear

Example:

Lazarus came out of the grave alive, but Jesus commanded them to remove the grave clothes (John 11:44). Many Christians are alive spiritually but still wearing old grave clothes mentally.

APPLICATION

Stop identifying with your old chains.

DECLARATIONS

- I am forgiven.
- I am righteous through Christ.
- I am free indeed.
- Condemnation has no power over me.

WEEK 4 - YOU ARE CHOSEN, ROYAL, AND SET APART Main Scripture:

1 Peter 2:9

"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation..."

1. YOU ARE CHOSEN BY GOD Scripture:

Ephesians 1:4

"He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world..."

You are not an accident.

God chose you intentionally.

2. YOU ARE ROYALTY Scripture:

Revelation 1:6

"And has made us kings and priests..."

Royalty means:

- Authority
- Dignity
- Purpose
- Kingdom representation

Example:

An ambassador represents his nation. Believers represent Heaven on Earth.

3. YOU ARE SET APART Scripture:

Romans 12:2

"Do not be conformed to this world..."

Holiness means living differently for God's glory.

APPLICATION

Your lifestyle should reflect your Kingdom identity.

DECLARATIONS

- I am chosen by God.
- I am part of God's royal priesthood.
- I am holy and set apart.
- I represent Christ on Earth.

WEEK 5 - WALKING DAILY IN YOUR IDENTITY Main Scripture:

Ephesians 4:1

"Walk worthy of the calling with which you were called."

1. RENEW YOUR MIND DAILY Scripture:

Romans 12:2

Identity transformation happens through renewed thinking.

2. SPEAK WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT YOU Scripture:

Proverbs 18:21

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue..."

Stop speaking:

- Defeat
- Fear
- Rejection

Start speaking:

- Faith
- Victory
- God's promises

3. LIVE WITH CONFIDENCE Scripture:

Philippians 4:13

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Confidence comes from knowing Christ is in you.

4. WALK IN PURPOSE Scripture:

Jeremiah 29:11

God created you with purpose.

You are:

- Called
- Gifted
- Anointed
- Sent

CONCLUSION OF SERIES

Your identity is not found:

- In money
- In titles
- In relationships
- In achievements

Your true identity is found in Jesus Christ.

FINAL DECLARATIONS FOR THE CHURCH

- I am a child of God.
- I am a new creation.
- I am forgiven and free.
- I am chosen and loved.
- I am victorious in Christ.
- I am called for God's purpose.
- Jesus lives in me.

CLOSING SCRIPTURES Ephesians 2:10

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works..." Colossians 3:3

"For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God." Philippians 1:6

"He who has begun a good work in you will complete it..."

ALTAR CALL / PRAYER

"Lord Jesus, thank You for dying for me. Today I receive my new identity in You. I reject every lie of the enemy and every label from my past. Teach me to walk as Your child, in righteousness, victory, and purpose. In Jesus' Name, Amen."