

Gospel Identity 5

A New Life in Christ: Part 2

Re-read over this chart from last week!

- Redemption (Romans 3:23)
- New Life (Romans 6:11)
- No Condemnation (Romans 8:1)
- Freedom (Galatians 2:4)
- New Creation (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- Abrahamic Promise (Galatians 3:14)
- Glorious Riches (Philippians 4:19)
- Heavenly Reward (Philippians 3:14)
- Justified (Galatians 2:17)
- Resurrection (Ephesians 2:6)
- Forgiveness (Ephesians 4:32)
- Grace (1 Corinthians 1:4)
- Riches of His Grace (Ephesians 2:7)
- Reconciliation (1 Corinthians 1:30)
- Eternal Life (Romans 6:23)
- Love of God (Romans 8:39)
- Sanctified (1 Corinthians 1:2)
- Every Spiritual Blessing (Ephesians 1:3)
- Righteousness (1 Corinthians 1:30)
- Eternal Glory (2 Timothy 2:10)
- Holiness (1 Corinthians 1:30)
- One body (Romans 12:5)
- Salvation (2 Timothy 2:10)
- Sonship (Galatians 3:28)

All of these benefits of the Gospel are ours in full! Nothing can separate us from the love of God (Romans 8:38-39). We are sons and daughters who are dearly loved, rejoiced over and delighted in! That is who we really are – because we are now defined by who we are in Christ and not by our sin.

Paul didn't begin his letters to the Churches "to all those in Rome with whom God is very angry," or "To the church at Corinth, which continually tests God's patience," or "To all the rebels at Philippi," rather, he says, "Grace and peace dearly loved, dear children, saints," and so on.

You may not feel holy and pleasing, but so what? You are holy and pleasing because you are in Christ, and your works from faith are accepted.

When a young child draws a picture for her father – even if it's very imperfect – the father loves it, sticks it on His refrigerator, and proudly shows it off to everyone. Likewise, what you do in faithful relationship to your heavenly Father is accepted and delightful to Him!

Quietly read over the first two columns of this chart and think about the times you have kept yourself in bondage rather than freeing yourself in Christ! Try to avoid reading the right two columns for now. Then answer the following questions.

Christian, have you Forgotten who you are?

Acting like:	You're in bondage to:	You've forgotten your:	What God says about you:
An orphan?	Fear: of rejection, failure, punishment	Adoption in Christ	1 John 3:1-3
A Pharisee?	Appearances, pretenses, criticism	Justification in Christ	Philippians 3:8-11
A POW?	A particular sin	Sanctification in Christ	Romans 6:12-22
A hermit?	Self-interest, individualism	Union with others in Christ	Romans 12:4-10
Eeyore?	death	Resurrection in Christ	Romans 6:3-11
Mr. Scrooge?	Material possessions, the good life	Inheritance in Christ	Ephesians 4:22-32
A slave?	Peoples "rules" – your own and others	Freedom in Christ	Galatians 4:6-9
A tyrant?	Manipulation, anger and power	Submission to Christ	1 Peter 5:1-7

1. Which of these mentalities do you most often fall victim to? What does it look like for you?
2. What usually causes the forgetting – is it an outside trigger? Or internal feelings or thoughts?

Now take a couple minutes to read the right columns, and read the verses that accompany each one. Then discuss the following questions.

3. According to this chart in what ways do you forget, or not believe that you are united to Christ?
4. How did any of the bible passages you just read address an “old” mentality? Explain.

We’re going to do the same weekly challenge as last week, so look over this last chart. And again, instead of a weekly challenge, think about how the Christian life is lived out in union with Christ. Don’t just glance at this chart either. Instead really take time on each topic. Think about how each one is happening in your life...or not. Then reflect on these question: What is God calling you to do right now? What is one way you can respond to your world right now through your new life in Christ? Meet up with your accountability partner throughout the week to discuss this.

- Speak in Christ (2 Corinthians 2:17)
- Do good works in Christ (Ephesians 2:10)
- Hope in Christ (1 Corinthians 15:19)
- Glory in Christ (Philippians 3:3)
- Work together in Christ (Romans 16:3)
- Marry in Christ (2 Corinthians 6:14)
- Live in Christ (Galatians 2:20)
- Die in Christ (1 Thessalonians 4:16)
- Love others in Christ (1 Corinthians 16:24)
- Suffer in Christ (Philemon 1:23)
- Have joy in Christ (Philippians 1:26)
- Give thanks in Christ (1 Thessalonians 5:18)
- Live a Godly life in Christ (2 Timothy 3:12)

As a group read Ephesians 3:14-21 for your closing prayer.

My accountability partner is _____, Their number is _____.

I am going to call/text my accountability partner on, _____.