

COME, GROW & GO 12-WEEK DISCIPLESHIP BIBLE STUDY

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Theme: God Chose You!

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Power Word: IDENTITY

We Are Accepted in the Beloved

Ephesians 1:3-6

Who God Is: God is omniscient and purposeful in His creation and love for those who believe in Jesus Christ.
How We Follow Him: I live from a place of belonging, not striving. I boldly accept who I am in Jesus Christ!

COME

Ephesians 1:3-14
Paul affirms believers' true identity in Jesus Christ.

GO

Identify one negative label you have believed about yourself (for example: "failure," "unworthy,""unwanted," "rejected," "hopeless"). Write it down. Then replace it with one truth from **Ephesians 1:3–6**:

- I am **Blessed**.
- I am **Chosen**.
- I am **Adopted**.
- I am **Accepted**.
- I am **Predestined**.

Declare it for 7 days!

GROW

Our Identity in Christ Jesus comes with great **rewards**:

1. **Blessed with Spiritual Blessings**: Our identity is rooted in what God has bestowed upon us, rather than what we have achieved (v. 3)
2. **Chosen Before the World Was Formed**: God's choice precedes our failures. His love existed before our mistakes. (v. 4).
3. **Accepted in Sonship**: Adoption means belonging. We are granted full rights as sons and daughters of the King. (v. 5).
4. **Accepted in the Beloved**: Our acceptance is given based on God's grace and Christ's perfection, rather than our own. (v. 6).

My Prayer Response

Jesus, thank You for choosing me before I ever knew You. Help me walk confidently in Your love and live each day knowing I belong to You.
In Your Saving Name, I pray.
Amen.

Notes :

POWER Words

Here is a list of words along with their meanings about **Identity and being Chosen by God (Child of God)**:

- **Elect**: Selected or singled out by God for a specific purpose or destiny, highlighting a divine choice. *"For many are called, but few are chosen." Matthew 22:14*
- **Anointed**: Designated or consecrated by God for a sacred role, symbolizing a special blessing or favor. *"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek." Isaiah 61:1*
- **Favored**: Receiving special preference or blessings from God, indicating a unique relationship. *"For thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield." Psalm 5:12*
- **Predestined**: Determined by divine will or decree, emphasizing a purpose ordained by God. *"For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son." Romans 8:29*
- **Redeemed**: Saved or liberated by God's grace, reflecting a transformation through divine intervention. *"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace." Ephesians 1:7*
- **Set Apart**: Distinctly chosen by God for a particular mission or service. *"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession." 1 Peter 2:9*
- **Called**: Invited or summoned by God for a special task or purpose, indicating divine direction/destination. *"He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace." 2 Timothy 1:9*
- **Blessed**: Endowed with divine favor and protection, often associated with being chosen by God. *"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance." Psalm 33:12*
- **Covenant**: A sacred agreement between God and His chosen people, illustrating a binding relationship. This one is very important. Believers should never be in covenant with person, place, or thing, but God! (except in Marriage). *"I will establish my covenant between me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you." Genesis 17:7*

WHAT is Identity?

Biblical identity is grounded in being created in God's image and discovering true purpose and worth through a relationship with Christ.

Foundation of Identity in Scripture

The Bible teaches that our human identity comes from God. Genesis 1:27 states, “So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.” This verse affirms that every individual possesses inherent dignity, value, and purpose, regardless of societal labels or personal accomplishments. Additionally, Psalm 139:14 emphasizes that humans are “fearfully and wonderfully made,” showcasing the intentional design and uniqueness of each person.

The Impact of Sin and Restoration

The fall of humanity in Genesis 3 introduced sin, which distorts the original identity bestowed by God, resulting in shame, fear, and separation. Romans 3:23 highlights this reality: “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” The New Testament reveals that true identity is restored through Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:17 proclaims, “Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old (man) has passed away; behold, the new (creation) has come!” This transformation signifies reconciliation with God and a renewed sense of purpose.

Identity in Christ and Community

Believers are encouraged to find their identity in Christ, which surpasses worldly definitions, societal pressures, and the enemy's lies. John 1:12 assures that those who believe in Christ become “children of God,” establishing a new spiritual identity. Participating in community through fellowship and church activities helps believers to comprehend and embody this identity, as illustrated in Romans 12:4-5, where the body of Christ operates with diverse roles. This engagement allows them to live out their true identity and purpose. The Great Commandment and The Great Commission are tied to this identity as believers.

Practical Implications

Grasping biblical identity brings clarity, purpose, and confidence to everyday life. It influences actions, strengthens relationships, and builds resilience against cultural pressures. Practical ways to nurture this identity include prayer, acts of service, studying Scripture, and reflecting on God's love and the gospel in interactions with others. Ephesians 2:10 emphasizes that believers are “God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,” signifying that identity is inseparable from purpose.

Key Takeaway

Biblical identity affirms that true worth and purpose are discovered in God's design and in a relationship with Christ. It is both personal and communal, rooted in divine creation, restored through Christ, and expressed through faithful living and service. Understanding this identity empowers believers to live authentically, embrace their God-given value, and fulfill the unique purpose God has prepared for them, which cannot be found in the world.