

Week 13: Align with Your Heavenly Citizenship

Understanding spiritual identity is not just about having authority for authority's sake. It is for the purpose of bring glory to God and re-establishing His kingdom on earth: "Thy kingdom come, they will be done." Each Believer/Disciple has a responsibility to walk in His image and likeness to glory God as His creation.

Learning Objective: In this next section we are going to learn more about how the image and likeness of Christ in human form is still pertinent to everyday living.

Lesson Aim: This particular lesson is to get a biblical understanding of how the grace of God relates to creation and its correct order.

Thesis: You are graced to know who you are, so you can know what to do.

Why is it important to utterly understand who you are in Christ and to walk in your God-given identity?

- **Romans 8:18 – 19;** Remember the theme of the year – *"Emerge to Your Greatness – Creation Awaits You."*
 - Believers are to show forth Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life and that no one comes to the Father except through Him. (John 14:16)
 - Yet, all will be reckoned in the day of the Lord, and we have the _____ to show forth the glory of the Almighty – Romans 8:28 – 30*.
 - Salvation is free, and Identity with Christ comes with responsibility.

What is the hardest hurdle at times to cross when it comes to living out our identity in Christ?

- **1 Peter 4:12 – 14;** More times than not, we identify with our suffering more than we identify with Savior and the Spirit of glory.
 - Spiritual warfare pertains mostly to the mind (2 Cor. 10: - 5*).
 - If you can be deceived into believing you are nothing more than a _____, you will not believe that you are to _____ as a kingdom ambassador or royal priesthood.
 - Key terms:
 - Fiery trial
 - Partake (sharer, partner in, have communion with)
 - Reproached
 - Blessed
 - Spirit of glory
 - Identifying with suffering only leads to being defeated mentally and physically, even though spiritually you have already won!

So, what is the truth about who we are as Believers in Christ Jesus?

- **Colossians 2:6 – 10;** We live a strong and thankful life that expresses our completeness and His position as the image of the Godhead.

- WHO is it that you have claimed to receive? _____
- How does one truly walk (live) in Him?
 - _____ = thoroughly grounded
 - _____ = build upon
 - _____ = steadfast; make sure
 - _____ = to excel
- Gnosticism or any form thereof is not only heresy but dangerous to your identity in Christ and authority through the Spirit. Why? Because it pulls you out of alignment.
- **The Emphasis:**
 - You are IN HIM
 - You are COMPLETE!
 - You are HEAD of ALL PRINCIPALITY and POWER.