

In Progress: Spirit, Soul & Body - The True You -

1) Anyone, anywhere, at any time can become a new creation through personal faith in Jesus Christ! Believing in Christ makes anyone brand new inside. They are not the same anymore! *2 Corinthians 5:15-17*

2) Biblically, being a new creation means that you are now a saint, a spiritually born again child of God, a divine masterpiece, a child of light, a citizen of heaven. *John 1:11-13; 1 John 3:1-3; 1 Peter 2:9-10; Romans 1:7; Ephesians 5:1-8*

3) Before we knew Christ we were lied to about everything! Satan is the father of lies and he lied to us about God, about life, about others and even about ourselves. Our self-image, which is our inner self-portrait and how we truly see and feel about ourselves, was infected by Satan's lies and the lies spoken into our lives by our self and others. *John 8:44; Prov. 23:7a; Matt. 7:17-18*

4) When we still believe those lies after our conversion it continues emotional and spiritual bondage in us that often becomes self-destructive behavior or damaging behavior in our relationships. We need the Holy Spirit to renew our minds with the truth about how God our Father really sees us and feels about us so we can live the best life possible for Christ. *Romans 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 5:21*

5) You can be the true you and live like who you are in Christ by knowing, believing, confessing, standing on and behaving consistently out of your Biblical identity in Christ! *John 8:31-32; John 8:36; John 7:38*

The True You in Christ

• I am a miraculous masterpiece divinely designed by the living God for a magnificent purpose. *Psalms 139:13-16; Eph. 2:10; Jer. 1:5; Gal. 1:13-16*

• I am a priceless, irreplaceable person who was so precious to God He gave His only Son to purchase my complete forgiveness and eternal life. *2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 1:18-19; 1 John 1:9*

• I am His adopted child whom He loves unconditionally and He is totally committed to caring for all my needs both on earth and for all eternity. *Ephesians 1:5-8; Romans 8:32; Psalm 23:1-6*

• I am His new creation free to live the best life possible by surrendering daily to his loving Lordship. *2 Cor. 5:17; Rom. 6:8-12; Psalm 32:8*

• I am the living temple of the Holy Spirit who lives in me to transform me and do through me more than I ever dreamed possible. *2 Corinthians 3:17-18; Romans 8:11; Ephesians 3:20-21*

• I am His beloved son who is secure under my Father's sovereign control and nothing and no one can snatch me out of His hands. *Rom. 8:35; Rom. 8:37-39; Isaiah 43:2-3a; Heb. 13:5-6*

• I am a saint being prepared for an eternity with my Father that far exceeds my wildest imagination and is worth giving up anything on earth for! *1 Cor. 2:9; Matt. 19:27-30; Revelation 22:12*

Next Week's Reading Guide:

Ecclesiastes 2:22-23, Romans 12:1-2, Romans 7:14-25

Romans 8:1-17

Psalms 84

1 Peter 1:13-25

Hebrews 10:1-18

Ephesians 4:17-32

2 Corinthians 4:1-18

Discussion Questions:

- 1) What does being a new creation in Christ mean to you? What words would you use to describe how you honestly believe God sees and feels about you?
- 2) Did you have some pre-conversion lies spoken to you about who you are? How have you handled them?
- 3) How will confessing and standing on the Great I am's of your personal identity in Christ help you overcome Satan's lies and live like the new creation you are.