

Introduction:

- *"This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!"* (2 Corinthians 5:17, NLT)
- Review:
 - Christ identified with us in the incarnation, crucifixion, and death.
 - Our redemption is a legal act of God. It has to do with our identification with Adam and our identification with Christ. (When the believer understands this, the foundation for renewing his mind has been laid.
 - There are two sides to the fall: what Satan does to us in the sin of Adam and what Satan does in us by our nature of death.
 - Redemption has two sides: What God does for us in Christ and what God does in us in Christ.
 - Once Christ identifies with humanity completely, redemption begins.
 - He paid the penalty for our sins.
 - He identified so fully that he was justified. 1 Tim 3:16
 - He was begotten of God. Heb 1:5 and Acts 13:33
 - He paid the penalty and passed from death unto life thus conquering Satan.
 - He canceled the record of charges against us. Col 2:14
- Identification:
 - Identity - the condition of being the same with something described or asserted; sameness of essential or generic character in different instances.
 - Identification - The act of making or proving to be the same.
 - The set of characteristics by which a person or thing is definitively recognizable or known.
- You need to know WHO you are in Christ so that you know WHAT to do, WHEN to do it, WHERE to go, and HOW to do it!
- Luke 15 What the Father does to restore identity.
 - Father saw (was looking for him) and had compassion.
 - Hugged and kissed him. Physical touch. Love acceptance.
 - Robe, ring, sandals, calf. Identity and celebration.
 - My son has come home! Let's celebrate.

I. He Chose To Identify With Us, We Choose To Identify With Him

A. The motivation of Christ.

1. He was motivated by love to identify with us.
2. We were motivated by His love to identify with Him.

B. The Choice of Christ

1. He chose to identify with us.

2. We choose to identify with Him. Acts 2:37 *"What must we do?"* Make a choice. Repent as in change of direction, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. When you understand how completely Jesus identified with us. You begin to understand why they preached resurrection! One, they saw Him. Two, the resurrection is what gives us access to all of heaven.
- C. The Exchange: Sozo - salvation - spirit, soul and body.
 1. He took our sin we get His righteousness
 2. He took our death we get His life.
 3. He took our sicknesses/wounds we get His healing. Is 53:4-5; Mt 8:16-17
 4. He took our poverty we get His riches.
 5. He took our shame and rejection we get His glory and acceptance.
 - a) Heb 12:2 He endured the cross scorning its shame.
 - b) So many suffer with shame and rejection.

II. He Identified With Us At the Crucifixion, We Identify With Him There Too

- A. I am healed and whole in Jesus. Is 53:5; 1Peter 2:24.
- B. I am redeemed from the curse of sin, sickness, and poverty. Dt 28:15-68; Gal 3:13
- C. What He Wants Us to Know
 1. Know who we are in Christ. Study all of the "In Christ, In Him", etc passages.
 2. Know that we are righteous.
 3. Know that we are a child of God.
 4. Know that we have a new Father.

III. He Was Given A New Body, I Become A New Creation

- A. I am complete in Him Who is the head over all rule and authority—of every angelic and earthly power. Col 2:10

IV. Two Sides of Salvation

- A. What Christ Did For US. Justification
 1. It is done for the whole man - spirit, soul and body. *"God has united you with Christ Jesus. For our benefit God made him to be wisdom itself. Christ made us right with God; he made us pure and holy, and he freed us from sin."* (1 Corinthians 1:30, NLT) US in Christ!
 - a) *"All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ."* (Ephesians 1:3, NLT)
 - b) *"For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority."* (Colossians 2:9-10, NLT)
 2. This is a legal position we have because of what Christ did and provided for us.
 3. God gave us his Word. Jn 1:1; Jn 6:63 Our job to believe and to confess it.

4. We access what He did for us by faith. No works involved. Eph 2:7-9
- B. What Christ Does In Us thru Holy Spirit - Regeneration
 1. Christ IN us. *"For God wanted them to know that the riches and glory of Christ are for you Gentiles, too. And this is the secret: Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of sharing his glory."* (Colossians 1:27, NLT)
 2. It is done to our spirit man. Born again, new creation, made alive,
 3. I walk before the Lord
 4. Works become the fruit of my life in Christ.
 5. Experience is our reality. *"For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children."* (Romans 8:16, NLT)
- C. My new reality is:
 1. I am complete in Him Who is the head over all rule and authority—of every angelic and earthly power. Col 2:10
 2. I am alive with Christ Eph 2:5.
 3. I am free from the law of sin and death. Ro 8:2
 4. I am far from oppression, and will not live in fear. Is 54:14
 5. I am born of God, and the evil one does not touch me. 1 Jn 5:18
 6. I am holy and without blame before Him in love. Eph1:4; 1 Peter1:16
 7. I have the mind of Christ. 1 Cor 2:16; Phil 2:5.
 8. In Christ, I am dead to sin—my relationship to it is broken—and alive to God—living in unbroken fellowship with Him. Ro 6:11.