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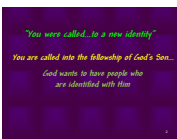


***Called into the Fellowship of His Son, Part 7
Identified with Christ***

Identification with Christ is the extreme degree of fellowship that is reserved for those who have been born again, and who choose to bear His nature, name, and identity.

1 Corinthians 1:9 (NKJV) God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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“You were called...to a new identity”

You are called into the fellowship of God’s Son...

God wants to have a people who are identified with Him.

This is the relationship that He has planned for us.

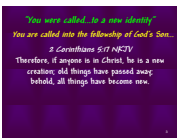
We have been looking at the process of being called into the fellowship of God’s Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

God has purposefully called us out of the darkness into the light of a relationship with His Son.

This call has required a response from us.

If we respond to the call of the Father and the Holy Spirit we experience newness of life in Christ.

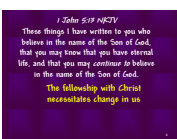
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2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

We cannot know the intimacy of identification with Christ Jesus until and unless we have been born again.

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1 John 5:13 NKJV These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, ***that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.***

The fellowship with Christ necessitates change in us. To truly fellowship with Jesus Christ the Son of God: we must be changed on the inside.

You need to know what you have within you. You must have the witness of the Holy Spirit that you are abiding in Christ, and that He is living in you. This changes the focus and aspirations of our lives.

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In heaven's point of view, things are settled when this transpires.

We are His and He is ours.

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What does this mean?
God knows what the implications of this connection mean. We must start identifying with Jesus Christ.
We must come to a full understanding of the life that we now have in Christ Jesus.

Spend some time thinking about what this means.

He called us to Himself. (This is His doing.)

By His own marvelous glory and excellence...

Because of His glory and excellence, He has given us promises. (Great and Precious)

These promises enable us to share His divine nature and escape the world's corruption. (Rich, Full, and Free)

We must start identifying with Jesus Christ

Tie yourself to Him by what you say and do.

We must expect, believe, or suppose that God knows what the implications of this connection means.

We must start paying attention to what God's Word unveils, reveals, and makes known about our inheritance and relationship.

We must listen, have faith in, and live in the rights, privileges, and power that He has made available to us in Christ.

His Words are Spirit and they are life to us.

We need to bind these words to our heart.

We need to start identifying with Jesus Christ.

This is more than calling yourself a Christian.

That term has been sterilized of its power and meaning today.

We must come to a full understanding of the life that we now have in Christ Jesus.

Stop allowing yourself to live below that standard.

Stop denigrating the position that God has brought you to in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We have been called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord

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Ephesians 1:3 NLT
 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.

Turn to Ephesians and take a look at this with me.

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Do you understand the implications of what this means?
 God will demonstrate through His Church things that testify, declare, and reveal His wisdom and power.

When we are identified with Christ, God will use the Church to display His wisdom to the Spirit world.

We must allow God full access.

Mark 16:17-18 NLT These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages. They will be able to handle snakes with safety, and if they drink anything poisonous, it won't hurt them. They will be able to place their hands on the sick, and they will be healed."

John 14:13-14 NLT You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!

We must start identifying with Jesus Christ.

We have not taken advantage of the riches of grace that are in Jesus Christ.

We have not fully or freely released God to work.

God wants to reveal His manifold wisdom.

He wants to expose His power to the world.

He wants to demonstrate the great victory that is in Jesus Christ.

He will do it through the Church.

What does this mean in our lives?

Identification with Jesus Christ means more than taking a name.

God is prepared to demonstrate His own wisdom and glory through us.

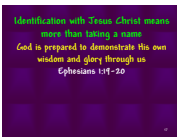
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This means that He is ready to freely work in the Church.

He will heal the sick.

He will break the powers of every spiritual authority.

He will make us powerful in Christ.

He will do this through His power filled Church!

The more powerful we become, the more glory it brings to God.

You need to apprehend that thought.

God is not glorified by a weak, puny, frail, cowardly church.

God wants the Church to be as glorious, powerful, and holy as the Lord Jesus Christ.

Think about the glory that God has given Jesus Christ.

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What is our testimony and experience?

Our testimony is more than what we say.

Our testimony is our word, action, and disclosure to those around us.

Our testimony reflects our fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

God has brought us into Jesus Christ.

The Spirit of God is in us.

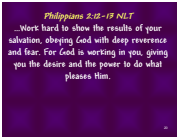
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Philippians 2:12-13 NLT ...Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

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This is the goal of identification with Jesus Christ.
Let Him freely work in you.
Do everything in your power to allow God free access to every aspect of your life.

Offer no resistance to His working.
We can hinder the work of Christ through unbelief.
We can hinder the work of Christ through prayerlessness.
We can hinder the work of Christ by refusing the Holy Spirit access.
We can hinder the work of Christ by depending on the arm of the flesh instead of the Spirit of God.

God has made incredible things available to you.