



Session 1 Living Free One with Christ

Intro

The wonder of True conversion.

1. At conversion the Spirit of God comes into union with our human spirit and imparts His Divine nature to us.

We are born from above.

John chapter 3 v3

Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born from above."

2. The New Creation

2 Corinthians 5 v16-17

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

Paul uses the phrase in Christ 250 times and alludes to it over 750 times in his writings; it saturates his thinking and it needs to saturate ours too. It is key to kingdom life.



3. We have a supernatural design and destiny

God wants us to break false ceilings that we have set for ourselves.

Colossians 1.27

To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Keywords

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The hope of Glory

The glass and water illustration.

Story of the Rabbi and Jesus

Discussion time

What questions do you have at this point?

In what ways is this understanding of conversion and the new nature new to you?

What is your personal reaction to hearing about the reality that Christ is in you?

Part 2

A. New Purpose and Destiny

Each of us has an original design that God has intended since before the foundation of the world.

Romans 8 v29

For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

Ephesians 2 v10

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.



We now carry 'Eagle DNA'

I am becoming the person I already am.

Our Being now shares Gods Nature and so our Doing flows out of this.

B. God created you with a specific vision for your life

The image of God in us has been distorted by our sin, the pressures of the world, and the schemes of the Devil.

Now we are made new in Christ we can connect with Gods original vision for us and walk into it by faith.

Galatians, 2 v20

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me

Each one of us is a unique expression of God's image, but what is common to all of us now we are 'In Christ'?

1. All of us created for a close friendship with the Lord and a deep sense of union in him.

John 15 v5-9

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love."

2. The capacity and ability to listen to his voice and obey his will.

Romans 8 v14

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.

3. To express the character of Jesus, through the fruits of the Spirit.

Galatians 5 v22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law



4. To resist temptation, to overcome sin and defeat the evil one.

1 Peter 5 v 8-10

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

5. To reveal the life and reality of Christ flowing through all our natural and supernatural gifts and abilities wherever we go.

1 John 4 v17

As he is so are we in this world.

6. To have the mind of Christ.

1 Cor 2 v16

*“Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?”
But we have the mind of Christ.*

7. To be a witness to Christ and lead people to conversion and discipleship

Acts 1 v8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

8. To heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers and drive out demons

Mark 16 v17-18

And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.”

9. To be salt and light and impact the world around us through our lives.

Matthew 5 v13

“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

Matthew 5 v14

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.



10. For the Spirit to flow through all of our being and so live for the glory of God.

Eph 3 v 20-21

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

C. Breaking constraints and false ceilings

Illustration the conditioning of elephants to remain limited.

Perhaps the biggest battle any of us will face is concerning who we believe we are in Christ and what we believe we can actually accomplish through Christ working in us. This is the first and greatest form of spiritual warfare.

Discussion time.

How would you describe God's vision for your life?

In what areas do you feel strong and what areas do you feel weak? What limits you?



Part 3. Activation for the coming week

Be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12 v2

Take every thought captive for Christ

2 Cor 10 v5

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

1. Take time studying the scriptures we have used today. Write them in your journal, personalise them and pray over them that they become real in your life.
2. Take time reading the gospels and take note how Jesus behaves and what He does. Then ask him to do the same in you and through you today.
3. Take note of where your past expectations, your habit patterns and your old mindsets resist this biblical revelation, so that you find it hard to believe that these things could be true for you.

Write out these old thought patterns and habits (and any images in your imagination that support them) then seek God for the truth He is speaking to you and invite Him to change you into His image.

4. Aim to share what you are learning with someone you trust and who is on this journey too.