

New Creation Realities

Lesson 2 “How Do I Discover My Identity?”

I. Introduction and Review - We are in a second week of a new series called “New Creation Realities.” We are doing this series because the Bible says we are a new creation so we want to learn what that actually means and what our new reality is. It is different than our previous reality.

A. Last week we looked at how we are a new creation in the spirit, not the flesh, and not the mental, emotional realm. While all those things are subject to change when we learn who we are in the spirit and how to release that, this process is not automatic. It takes faith.

B. We also made the point, everyone in here said they had a relationship with Jesus and yet none of you said you knew Him after the flesh. **2 Corinthians 5:16 tells us that now we aren't to know Jesus or even ourselves after the flesh.** God wants us to learn to relate to ourselves based on His word and the Holy Spirit. That is where our real identity comes from.

C. Tonight we are going to answer the question, how do I discover my identity? How do I know who I really am?

1. Ex-girlfriend example - had to go discover herself. Didn't know who she was. Unfortunately, looked for herself in all the wrong places.
2. Many of us do the same thing. We try to find ourselves in all the wrong places. We look for approval from others, success in our jobs, our achievements, sex, drugs, hobbies, etc. to try to discover who we really are.

II. How Do I Discover My Identity?

A. We are going to use Jesus as our example. How did Jesus know who He was? How did He know He was the Son of God that was sent to save the world?

1. Before you say, He was God, look at **Luke 2:52**. Jesus grew in wisdom. That means He didn't just bring it from heaven with Him.
2. Am I saying Jesus wasn't God? No. He was fully God and fully man, but the Bible teaches in **Philippians 2:6-7** that He emptied Himself. This means Jesus was both fully God and fully man. He was spiritually sinless because He was born of the seed of God, but He did not operate in His full divine power until He was filled with the Holy Spirit at 30 years old.
3. Let me illustrate that...After Jesus was born and He was laying in the manger did He know He was God? When He was hungry and cried for food or pooped

Himself, did He just do that for show? When His parents walked out of the room, did He look at the animals and say, “Bow to me, I’m God!”

4. According to **Luke** He grew in wisdom. Look at **Hebrews 5:7-8**. Jesus learned obedience. He didn’t just bring it from Heaven with Him. Knowing who you are is not automatic.

B. Jesus learned who He was from the scripture.

1. I’m not saying Mary and Joseph didn’t tell Him the story of His birth, but if I told you that and then told you that you would be crucified to save everyone from their sins, wouldn’t you want more verification. What if your parents were wrong or crazy? He had to discover who He was from the word.

2. **Luke 2:46-47** - asked questions of the scholars at 12 years old.

3. **Hebrews 10:5-7** “Behold a body you have prepared for me. God had a physical body prepared for Jesus. He has things prepared for all of us to walk in. This passage then goes on to say that it is written in your book of me to do your will oh God.

4. **Psalm 40:6-8** God opened Jesus’s ears. Out of that He saw Himself in the volume of the book. He saw Himself in the scripture.

a. **John 15:25** and **Psalm 69:4**

b. **John 13:18** and **Psalm 41:9**

c. **John 14:19** and **Zechariah 9:9**

C. How do we learn who we are from the scripture?

1. Read the whole Bible (can’t just cherry pick your favorite verses).

2. Study to understand historical context, audience relevance who the speaker is, the symbols, etc.

3. Ask the Holy Spirit for help.

a. **Luke 24:13-32**

b. My **Ephesians 1:6** story

III. Conclusion

A. Receive Offering

B. Pray Closing Prayer

C. Call Up Prayer Team