



Day One: #5 You Are One With Christ (7)

Christ's love for us, and our oneness with Him, are beyond all comprehension! We've looked last week at the fact that while we have the privilege of carrying Him within us, we also have the privilege of knowing that He carries US within Him!

Jesus brought His life into ours... and He also brought our life into His.

We literally live in His heart.

But you know, He honoured us even more than that. When you read in a moment how He bestowed this honour on us, your first reaction may be, 'No way!', as mine was when I felt Holy Spirit show this to me. But just give this a moment and see what He says to you about it...

He Changed His Identity For Us

Dare I say it...

He changed OUR identity on the cross. We changed HIS identity on the cross.

I'm hardly game to type those words because religion would be highly offended at this statement and desire that we not allow Holy Spirit to show us what it means. Yet I believe He wants us to simply allow Him to minister to us on this point...

WE didn't make this change happen. We could do nothing to actually make His identity an ounce different than what it was. Jesus was the one who did it completely, and He did it because of us. His identity could not have been changed unless He chose to change it to include us.

And that's exactly what He chose. What happened immediately at the moment that Jesus gave up His Spirit on the cross and died?

Matthew 27:51 (NIV) *At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom...*

The curtain covered the entrance to the Most Holy Place, where the Presence of God was. The first thing that happened the moment of Jesus' death was that



the curtain was Divinely torn from top to bottom. This was a clear message that the separation between God and mankind was over, because of what Jesus has accomplished! Prior to this moment, we had been standing in our own righteousness – stained and separate from Him. From that moment on, we were standing in Jesus – righteous and perfect in God’s eyes.

This is why there no longer needed to be a curtain to separate us from God. We were able to come into God’s Presence because Jesus had made us the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus (2 Cor 5:21). What that meant is that when God saw us from that point on, He saw us in Jesus – no longer standing stained and separate in and of ourselves. We had forever become part of who and what He would see when He saw Jesus. We became part of Jesus.

Ephesians 1:13 (NIV) And you also were included in Christ...

From the point of the cross, Jesus’ identity changed. He was no longer simply the Son of God or the Son of Man, as He called Himself (emphasising that He was fully man – a man filled with the Holy Spirit). He had a new body on this earth. He’d never before had a body that extended beyond His own physical one (or spiritual one in heaven). He expanded His identity to include us!



What does it mean to you to know that Jesus was willing to change His identity on the cross to include you? Now God can never see Jesus without seeing you!



Day Two: #5 You Are the Righteousness of Christ – Your Spirit is Already Perfect (1)

So now we're looking at the fifth way that Jesus changed our identity on the cross, and this one is that we are the righteousness of Christ – our spirits are already perfect!

If we've spent a lifetime in church hearing about how we are nothing more than sinners, and that we are to grow our spirits and BECOME like Jesus, we may find it difficult to accept this one... or we may find ourselves celebrating this truth like nothing else we've ever heard!

You are so much more than a 'sinner saved by grace'. An amazing transaction happened in your heart when you accepted Jesus into it. Jesus came into your heart, He made your spirit one with His Spirit, and then He sealed you so that this joint spirit could never be changed or contaminated, and He declared you righteous.

Ephesians 1:13 (NASB) ...having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise...

As Andrew Wommack puts it, this is like being vacuum sealed... like a tin. Sealed so that nothing can contaminate, affect or change your joint spirit with Him in any way. What's going on in your soul or your body can never affect your spirit. But what's going on in your spirit can always affect your soul and body.

This is how why God can declare us to be righteous and not be a liar, because we all know that we fall short of His glory in the way we act and speak. Yet He calls us righteous. Why? Because...

Our spirits are perfect.

Hebrews 12:23 (KJV) To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect...

Did we just see what that said?!?! Just men made PERFECT.



When His Spirit came into our hearts and joined itself with our spirit and we were sealed in Him, He made our spirits perfect. Wow! Yet in His eyes, He doesn't just see our spirits as perfect and the rest of us as flawed. Somehow, He looks at us and says '*YOU are perfect!*'

Through what Christ has accomplished in us, there is no imperfection in His eyes when He looks at us. You may wonder how that is possible for God to see no imperfection when He looks at us because our spirits have been made perfect... yet our souls and bodies are still a work in progress as we align ourselves with what has already been accomplished in our spirits. This is how:

2 Corinthians 5:16 – 17 (NKJV) *Therefore from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh...*

The spiritual man regards no one according to their flesh, only their spirit. Where do you think Paul learned this from? He learned it from his God, who regards no one according to the flesh, but according to the spirit. God is not looking at our soul and at our body when He declares us perfect. And in reality, as long as our spirits are perfect, we have something we can bring our soul and body into alignment with.

God intends to sanctify us through and through and for our whole spirits, souls and bodies to be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord (1 Thess 5:23). He intends for this alignment with our spirit to continue for the rest of our lives. Yet when He looks at us now, He looks at our spirit and actually declares us to be flawless.

Romans 5:1 (TPT) *Our faith in Jesus transfers God's righteousness to us and he now declares us flawless in his eyes.*



He now declares you flawless in His eyes. Imagine Him looking at you and seeing your perfection and smiling in pleasure. What does this mean to you?



Day Three: #5 You Are the Righteousness of Christ – Your Spirit is Already Perfect (2)

So not only does God now see you as flawless in His eyes through the fact that Jesus has made your spirit perfect, but He also sees you as totally connected with absolutely nothing between Him and you.

Colossians 1:21 – 22 (TPT) *Even though you were once distant from him, living in the shadows of your evil thoughts and actions, he reconnected you back to himself...And now there is nothing between you and Father God, for he sees you as holy, flawless, and restored!*

There is absolutely nothing between you and God. It is FINISHED! And in His eyes, you are reconnected and you are part of Him. This could only be made possible by the fact that your spirit has been made perfect. Look at the start of that scripture. It says that we were once distant from Him, living in the disconnection of our evil thoughts and actions. Even after receiving Jesus, do we ever find ourselves thinking things in our souls that would be different to what God thinks? Even after we're saved and our spirits have been sealed with His? Yes, of course we do. Yet this doesn't change how God sees us. We're not connected and then disconnected while we think these things; connected again when we get our minds on track. In God's eyes, our spirits are continually connected and therefore what's going on in our souls and our bodies can't disconnect us from Him.

In the same way, our continued connection with God is not dependent on our confessing every single sin we've committed. It's not '*now there's something between us*', and '*now there's not.*' He's not even looking there! He's looking at our spirits, which are incapable of sinning.

Somehow we have the concept that it's all about our sin. Yet God completely dealt with sin on the cross through Christ Jesus. He's not looking at our sin. He's looking at our heart towards Him.

Yes, the Bible tells us to confess our sins, but we must understand that the purpose of confessing our sin is for our sakes, not God's. He doesn't reject us when we sin. His eyes are on our spirits, not our flesh (And remember sin is not specific acts, but missing the mark or falling short of the glory of God). But God



knows that sin keeps us from the glory He has planted within us and keeps us out of our destiny and opens the door for us to battle with condemnation. It's not good for us and He doesn't want us to contend with sin when He has paid such a heavy price to free us from it.

We don't have to sin! His grace gives us the power not to sin. But when we do sin, and we confess it, it's about our realising what we've done so that we can take responsibility and go to God and enter into His grace to walk as a glorious daughter, undiminished by sin. It's never to reconnect us to a God who has declared we are now forever connected to Him!

Soak Time

How have you believed that you could disconnect yourself from God by your sin? Do you understand how and why this is actually impossible?



Day Four: #5 You Are the Righteousness of Christ – Your Spirit is Already Perfect (3)

Knowing that we ARE the righteousness of Christ, makes a tremendous difference in our lives! Just look at these scriptures:

Colossians 1:27 (TPT) ... We preach to awaken hearts and bring every person into the full understanding of truth..., to present to every believer the revelation of being his perfect one in Jesus Christ.

So nobody misses out! If you are part of ‘every person’ and ‘every believer’, God wants you to come into the full understanding of the revelation that...

You are His perfect one in Jesus Christ.

Stop right now and say that out loud: “*I am His perfect one!*”

Now look at yourself in a mirror and say it again: “*I am His perfect one!*”

Wow! And just in case something inside of us still can’t believe that this applies to us (you know satan’s old lie: ‘it’s true of everyone *BUT* you’...) check out Romans 5:17:

Romans 5:17 (TPT) ... through one righteous act of Jesus’ sacrifice, the perfect righteousness that makes us right with God and leads us to a victorious life is now available to all.

His perfect righteousness is available... to everyone except you?!?! No!!!!

His perfect righteousness is available to ALL, so it is available to YOU!

He wants you to know that you don’t miss out. That He had you in mind when He put this wondrous, crazy, passionate plan together to bring mankind into righteousness.

Now you can know that any time satan tells you that you’re the one who misses out, or that you don’t deserve this gift of righteousness, you can confidently say, “*You are a liar and I refuse to listen to you. I am righteous in Christ Jesus and there’s nothing you can do about it! I’m part of God’s plan and I NEVER miss out!*”



It's true. You NEVER miss out on anything Jesus has done for you. You NEVER miss out on any promise, any provision, any intimacy, any love, any righteousness, any blessing or any purpose. You're righteous and you're included!!!

Soak Time

How did it impact you when you looked at yourself in the mirror and declared, *"I am His perfect one!"*

Has satan ever used the lie on you that you're the one who misses out? If so, how do you feel to know that you NEVER miss out?



Day Five: #5 You Are the Righteousness of Christ – Your Spirit is Already Perfect (4)

We have been given His righteousness by His grace. We did absolutely nothing to earn this... it was purely a gift from our loving Father. And as we've seen yesterday, God considers it extremely important for you to know that YOU are righteous. Why?

Some would argue that when we see ourselves as righteous, it will cause us to cast off all restraint. They may argue along the lines that, *'No matter what we do, we know God won't disconnect Himself from us and He is only looking at our righteous spirits and not our sinful flesh, so we can get away with doing whatever we want'*. Might I say that if that's the way we're looking at our relationship with God, we need to get saved! When we love God, we are never looking for a way to 'get away with' anything. We're looking to love, please and honour Him.

The fact is that it's of the utmost importance that we see ourselves as righteous, because we will act better – not worse - when we believe we are righteous.

When we see ourselves as righteous, we act righteously.

When we see ourselves as unrighteous, we act unrighteously.

It's human behavior to live up to what other expect of us. We live out of our identity and how we act or speak will always be in line with who we believe that we are. We often allow the expectations of others to form that identity.

If we see ourselves as nothing more than a sinner, sinning will come naturally to us. We'll have our eyes on ourselves and everything that's wrong with us and that means they'll be off Jesus – our only source of help! Yet when we see ourselves as righteous in Him, we'll have our eyes on Jesus and the expectation that in Him we can act and speak righteously... and it will come naturally to us!

Proverbs 23:7 (NKJV) For as he thinks in his heart, so is he...

You know really, this is no different from what (I hope) we do as parents. When our children misbehave, it's a well known parenting strategy to separate



the child's identity from their behavior when we deal with the situation. If we say, "You are a bad girl!", our child will see their whole identity as bad. They will filter everything through the concept of 'I am bad' and therefore they will live up to our expectations in their continued behavior. But when we say, 'You are a good girl but you made a bad choice,' and our child is able to separate their identity from their behavior, the next time they will have the confidence and the filter to think about themselves as good and to make behavioral decisions accordingly.

Children always live up to the expectations made of them and a good parent speaks to the treasure that is inside their child's heart. This is exactly what our God does for us – He speaks to the treasure He sees within us, and all He sees is what is perfect and flawless.

As a result, we believe we're righteous, so we make righteous choices. This is actually what the works of the spirit are. Consider what Jim Richards says:

"The works of the Spirit are those things you do because you believe you are righteous. The works of the flesh are those things you do because you don't believe you are righteous." Jim Richards

God wants to liberate us from a lifetime of trying to become righteous in His eyes. We could never accomplish this ourselves but it's been given to us as a gift. If we accept His costly gift to us, we'll believe that we ARE righteous at this moment and we'll naturally walk and talk like the righteous women we are.

Soak Time

Do you tend towards works of the spirit... those things you do because you believe you are righteous? Or do you tend towards works of the flesh...those things you do because you don't believe you are righteous? Why?
