

Taking it Home:

1. Meditate on the following verses to be encouraged about your identity in Christ.

I am accepted...

John 1:12 I am God's child.

John 15:15 As a disciple, I am a friend of Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:1 I have been justified.

1 Corinthians 6:17 I am united with the Lord, and I am one with Him in spirit.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 I have been bought with a price and I belong to God.

1 Corinthians 12:27 I am a member of Christ's body.

Ephesians 1:3-8 I have been chosen by God and adopted as His child.

Colossians 1:13-14 I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins.

Colossians 2:9-10 I am complete in Christ.

Hebrews 4:14-16 I have direct access to the throne of grace through Jesus Christ.

I am secure...

Romans 8:1-2 I am free from condemnation.

Romans 8:28 I am assured that God works for my good in all circumstances.

Romans 8:31-39 I am free from any condemnation brought against me and I cannot be separated from the love of God.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22 I have been established, anointed and sealed by God.

Colossians 3:1-4 I am hidden with Christ in God.

Philippians 1:6 I am confident that God will complete the good work He started in me.

Philippians 3:20 I am a citizen of heaven.

2 Timothy 1:7 I have not been given a spirit of fear but of power, love and a sound mind.

1 John 5:18 I am born of God and the evil one cannot touch me.

I am significant...

John 15:5 I am a branch of Jesus Christ, the true vine, and a channel of His life.

John 15:16 I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit.

1 Corinthians 3:16 I am God's temple.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 I am a minister of reconciliation for God.

Ephesians 2:6 I am seated with Jesus Christ in the heavenly realm.

Ephesians 2:10 I am God's workmanship.

Ephesians 3:12 I may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me.

The Joy of Knowing Jesus

Philippians 3:1-21

The dangers of a works-based gospel (1-4a)

1. Encourages boasting in _____ instead of _____
2. Views salvation as a right to be _____, rather than a gift to be _____
3. Leads to _____ and steals our _____

The beauty of the true gospel (4b-9)

1. Elevates Jesus alone as _____; all _____ must be in him.
2. Applies Christ's righteousness on the basis of _____ not _____
3. Provides a new _____ and a new _____ through Jesus

The greatest Pursuit (10)**The marks of maturing Christians (12-21)**

1. Humbly acknowledge they have not _____
2. Passionately pursue a greater _____ of Christ
3. Will not be slowed down by _____ or _____
4. Follow gospel-centered, heavenly-minded _____
5. Live up to what we have already _____ as a _____ and _____ of heaven.

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started:

1. What prized possessions(s) did you collect as a kid?

Digging Deeper:

Read Philippians 3:1-21

1. Based on the first few verses of Philippians 3, what are some of the things people put their trust in that leads to a false confidence of salvation? In what other false gospels have you seen people place their confidence? Where have you been tempted to misplace your confidence?
2. Review ‘the dangers of a works-based gospel’ from your study notes. Which, if any, of these dangers have you experienced? What has helped you avoid these dangers?
3. Read Philippians 3:8-9, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, and 2 Corinthians 5:21. What does it mean for Jesus to impute or apply his righteousness to you?

4. Review Titus 3:5, Ephesians 1:3-13, and Philippians 3:20-21. What do these passages say about our new identity in Christ? Which parts of this identity have been easy for you to accept, which parts have been difficult? Considering the Christian’s new identity, how might this change the way a person lives?
5. How would you describe your pursuit of Christ? In what ways do Paul’s words inspire you to pursue him more? What will this look like in the days and months ahead?
6. Review the 5 marks of a maturing Christian. Where do you feel like you’re doing well, where do you need to grow?

Prayer Concerns: