

**Agape House of Worship**  
**Midweek Service: Bible Study**

**Topic: Identity in Christ**  
**Part 3: Our Power in Christ**  
**Texts: John 15, Ephesians 6:10-18**

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Because our identity is in Christ, we receive power to be fruitful when we abide in Him, John 15:1. We also have access to divine power that Jesus Christ promised to give us through the Holy Spirit, John 15:26-27, Luke 24:49. In today's bible study we will study various scriptures that points us to the power available to us when we secure our identity in Christ.

**Luke 24:49** *"Listen carefully: I am sending the Promise of My Father [the Holy Spirit] upon you; but you are to remain in the city [of Jerusalem] until you are clothed (fully equipped) with power from on high."* (AMP)

**Luke 9:1-2** *"When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick." (NIV)*

**What the Power of our Identity in Christ is.**

- **Power to do good works.** Knowing your identity in Christ, gives you the license to do good works. You are anointed for good works.

**Ephesians 2:10** *For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (NIV)*

**Ephesians 4:11-12** *"So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up" (NIV)*

- **Power to make disciples of nations.** Knowing your identity in Christ propels you to recruit more kingdom citizens. Jesus Christ commissioned us to win souls to the kingdom of God, to teach the world to obey His commands, in other words make disciples from all people, races, nations and tribes.

**Matthew 28:18-20** *"Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (NIV)*

- **Power to defeat the enemy.** Knowing your identity in Christ, gives you the power defeat the enemy, power to destroy every work of darkness.

**Luke 10:19** *"Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you." (KJV)*

**Ephesians 3:10** *"God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display his wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places." (NLT)*

- **Power to live in freedom** - Knowing your identity in Christ, gives you true freedom. You are no longer trapped in the cycle of sin, no more bondage. You are no longer a slave, rather a liberated child of God.

**John 8:38** *"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." (NIV)*

**Galatians 5:1** *"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery." (NIV)*

### **How living in the power of our identity should look like every day**

1. Be the salt of the earth. Matthew 5:13
2. Be the light of the world. Matthew 5:14
3. Live as loved and not rejected. John 3:16
4. Live as chosen and not forsaken. John 15:16
5. Live as sons, daughters not as slaves. Romans 8:15
6. Live as princes, princesses not as paupers. 1 Peter 2:9
7. Live as powerful and not powerless. Luke 10:19
8. Live as righteous and not sinners. 2 Corinthians 5:21
9. Live as victor and not victim. 1 Corinthians 15:57
10. Live strong not weak. Philippians 4:13
11. Live humble and not prideful. Philippians 2:3-4
12. Live wisely and not as fools, understanding the times and seasons. Ephesians 5:15-16

### **How to remain fueled with Christ power as you walk in your identity (Ephesians 6:10-18)**

1. Believe all that God has done for you in Christ
2. Proclaim all that God has revealed to you in Christ
3. Reflect on God's word and renew your mind daily with the truth
4. Keep company with people fueled with power of the Holy Spirit
5. Keep yourself charged with power, pray in the Spirit always. **Jude 20.** - *"But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit"*

### **Reflect on this identity equation**

- Man's identity equation: me + stuff = crisis (confusion, regret, insecurity, shame, instability, stagnation)
- Christ identity equation: me + Christ = **Meaningful** life, **Authentic** life and **Powerful** life.

**John 8:32** "Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

**John 10:10** "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full."

**John 14:6** "Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

### **Prayer & Confession:**

I am a CHILD OF GOD. I am LOVED unconditionally by my father in heaven. I am CHOSEN by God; I am CREATED in His Image. I am the apple of His eyes, I am ROYALTY, I am HOLY, I am SPECIAL, I am BEAUTIFUL, I am WISE, I am FAVORED, I am BLESSED. **I am ANOINTED, full of power and authority. I have POWER over sin, I am a VICTOR not a victim, I have a DIVINE PURPOSE.** I know WHO I AM, I know WHOSE I AM, and I am SECURED in my Identity in Christ.