

Trading Our Shame

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Ephesians 2:1-10

Notetaking Guide

A. Understanding our identity in Christ is one of the five foundational issues we need to understand as followers of Jesus.

Feed—Able to dig out truths from God’s Word on your own

Walk—Learning to walk by the Spirit

Talk— Prayer (talking with God) & telling God’s story to others.

Clean—Confessing sin and living a cleansed life

Identity— Living a new and transformed life because of Jesus.

B. Our new identity as believers in Jesus (Ephesians 2:1-10)

1. Old nature (v. 1-3)

2. New nature (v. 4-10)

3. Remember Creation, Fall, Redemption, Restoration? (see sermon from 27/12/2020)

C. Jesus the redeemer foretold (Deuteronomy 18:18)

D. Jesus becomes our shame (Galatians 3:13, Deuteronomy 21:22-23)

E. Communion (Luke 22: 14-20)

F. Concluding comments

Knowing my identity as a Christ follower is part of the firm foundation for a life-long relationship with God where I become a mature disciple. Live in your new life in Christ

Contact us for further discussion about your identity in Christ, info@AIC.org.hk

Questions for Thought and Discussion

1. Why was Jesus the only one who could take the “curse” in our place?
2. Does Ephesians 2:4-10 describe you as a follower of Jesus? Circle the words below that are easy for you to accept as part of your new identity? Underline the words that are more difficult for you to accept as part of your new identity? Understand that all the words describe your new identity in Christ!
 - Loved by God (v.4)
 - Alive in Christ (v.5)
 - Saved by grace (v. 5 & 8)
 - Raised up with Christ (v. 6)
 - Seated with Christ (v. 6)
 - Recipient of a gift from God (v. 8)
 - I cannot work for God’s gift (v. 9)
 - God’s workmanship (v. 10)
 - Created to do good works (v. 10)
3. Describe the change you experienced in your life as you changed from your old nature to your new nature in Christ.
4. What changes would happen in your life if you truly believed and lived as one “seated in the heavenly realms”? (Ephesians 2:6)

Resources

1. Study booklet on “Identity” is available to download for no cost at <https://store.sonlife.com/ebooks/>
2. Questions? Contact us at info@AIC.org.hk