LESSON 11

"KNOW WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST"

Required Bible Reading:

Ephesians entire book 2 Corinthians chapter 5 **Mini Book**, **In Him**

Romans chapter 8 Genesis chapters 1-3

The first thing you need to understand as a Christian is who your heavenly Father is. You must get to know Him through His Word and through prayer. You must seek to become intimately acquainted with Him and as you do, you will begin to realize the second thing that is vitally important, especially in these last days. This truth that you must understand is "Who you are in Christ" or who you are in relationship to the Father God, because of what Jesus did for you.

The devil preys on weak Christians who don't know who they are in Christ. As you study this lesson, I pray that the revelation of the truth about who you are in Christ will rise up in your heart so that you can stand firm against the devil.

According to **2** Corinthians 5:17, you are a new creature in Christ Jesus from the moment you became born again. You are a brand new person. The old man with his devil desires is dead. **2** Corinthians 5:21 says, that you are made the righteousness of God in Christ. You are not righteous in and of yourself, because according to Isaiah 64:6, our righteousness is as filthy rags. We traded our righteousness for His righteousness. We are righteous because of the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. God sees you as in Christ, God sees you as brand new through the blood of Jesus.

Definitions of Righteousness

- 1. The ability to stand in the presence of the Father without the sense of guilt and inferiority, as if sin never existed.
- 2. Right-standing with God.
- 3. Up-rightness
- 4. Justified or declared righteous
- 5. A position, a good position with God.

You must know and understand your position with God. It is not a license to sin and live anyway you want to. Rather, it is all the more reason to rely on the Holy Ghost to enable you to live a Godly lifestyle. The quality of your understanding of your position with God, affects the efficiency so you can operate in the "Things" of God. When you understand who you are, it will also affect the way you respond to problems, to people and to the promises from God's Word. The guilt and shame of your past is gone, covered in the blood of Jesus. You now have a good position with God because of who you are in Christ.

There is no room for low self esteem or an inferiority complex because <u>you are</u> somebody in Jesus. You don't respond to life the same way that you used to.

Some benefits of this position:

- 1. <u>Authority</u> One of the things man longs for is a restoration of authority or dominion. Not dominion or authority over people, but authority over the devil. The ability to govern your life and circumstances. God created Adam with this authority, but he forfeited (gave) it to the devil through sin. However, because of what Jesus did, this authority was hand delivered back to you.
- 2. The ability to partake and enjoy everything God has provided for man—
 Jesus came and provided for us everything we need to live successfully on this earth.
- 3. The ability to protect what God gave you to enjoy A responsibility.
- 4. <u>Fellowship with God</u> You now have the ability and the privilege to fellowship with God Almighty, the Creator of the Universe.

Study the story of Adam and Eve in Genesis. God created man and gave him dominion and authority. God never changes. His original intentions for man are His eternal intentions for man. God intends for man to have authority in his realm and over all the powers of darkness and God has made this possible through Jesus. You must first be in Him. You must take your place and exercise your authority because you are in Him.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Read the enclosed book <u>In Him</u>, by Dr. Kenneth E. Hagin. Carefully study all the scriptures that tell you who you are in Christ, what you have in Christ, etc., and begin to confess them out loud to yourself and see the reality of the truth begin to rise up in your heart.

Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might! Don't be the devil's prey, become his worst nightmare by knowing who you are in Christ!

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3. Give one defi	nition of Righteousness? _		
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6. When you und	lerstand who you are in Ch	nrist it will affect the way you respond to	
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7. In your readir they?	ng you discovered three thi	ings Jesus constantly confessed. What were	
		What is it?	
9. God created m	nan and gave him	and	
10. What are the	two important things you	must understand as a Christian?	
11. The devil pre	eys on strong Christians wh	no know who they are in ChristTF	

12. It is not important to know who you are in Christ?

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