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Message Title: The Identity of Freedom!

Book Content, “At the Crossroads”: Chapters fourteen

This weeks memory challenge: **Colossians 2:9-10** *For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,¹⁰ and in Christ you have been brought to fullness.*

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† *Temet nosce*

† Seeds

John 12:24-25 *Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.²⁵ Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.*

1 Peter 1:23 *For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.*

† Who are you? The identity of externals contrasted with *Identity In Christ*.

- Old me: I am what I EARN. *In Christ*, I am what I am GIVEN

Revelation 22:17 *The Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let the one who hears say, “Come!” Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.*

- Old me: My identity is the FINISH LINE. *In Christ*, fullness of identity is where I START.

Colossians 2:9-10 *For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,¹⁰ and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority.*

Hebrews 12:1-2 *Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.*

- Old me: My identity is always CHANGING. *In Christ*, my identity is CONSTANT

1 Peter 1:23-25 *For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴ For, “All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord endures forever.” And this is the word that was preached to you.*

- Old me: My identity is all about ME. *In Christ*, my identity is in UNION with CHRIST

Galatians 3:26-28 (GNT) *It is through faith that all of you are God's children in union with Christ Jesus. ²⁷ You were baptized into union with Christ, and now you are clothed, so to speak, with the life of Christ himself. ²⁸ So there is no difference between Jews and Gentiles, between slaves and free people, between men and women; you are all one in union with Christ Jesus.*

2 Peter 1:4 *Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.*

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.*

- When our Identity is In Christ, what we DO flows from who we ARE

† The glorious truth of who I AM in Christ!

I, NAME, am a living temple of the Living God.

Romans 8:19 *Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?*

I, NAME, am an essential part of Christ's body.

1 Corinthians 12:27 *Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.*

I, NAME, am a New Creation!

2 Corinthians 5:17 *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!*

I, NAME, am indwelled by Christ, He is my life.

Galatians 2:20 *I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.*

I, NAME, am God's creative masterpiece!

Ephesians 2:10 *For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand for us to do*

I, NAME, am in the presence of God, right now.

Ephesians 2:6 *And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus*

I, NAME, am chosen, holy, and dearly loved by God.

Colossians 3:12 *Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved...*

I, NAME, am chosen, royalty, holy, and God's special possession!

1 Peter 2:9 *But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.*

I, NAME, am chosen, holy, and blameless.

Ephesians 1:4 *For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.*

I, NAME, am free from condemnation, sin, and death

I, NAME, am alive in Christ and have no fear of death!

Romans 8:1 *Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.*

I, NAME, am complete, I lack nothing.

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† In Christ, I AM because HE IS!