



Know Who You Are

Now that you are a son or daughter of God the Father, you know that you were made in His image. In lesson 1 of part 4 we learned that God made people to love. He created man with value and destiny. In Christ all of these important parts are restored. Whatever has happened in your past, God restores the original picture.

♥ Do not look any longer at what has gone wrong, but focus on what God has for you!

a. We Belong, Unconditional Love

What can separate us from God's love?

Rom 8:38,39

Who chose us?

John 15:16

To whom are we equal?

1 John 3:1,2;

1 John 4:17;

Eph 4:24

As far as our spirits go, we are already (in this world) just like Jesus. Our new spirit, or also known as our new man, which we receive when we accept Jesus' sacrifice, is created in true holiness and righteousness. Spiritual growth does not exist, strictly speaking; our spirit cannot be more holy than it already is. We are however able to grow in discovering and grasping who God is, who we are and what we have received through Christ. The Bible calls this renewing of the mind. We start to live increasingly more like Jesus the more we grasp who we already are in Him!

Where does the Spirit live? Who are we?

Eph 2:19-22

b. Our Value is Restored

Jesus has made us valuable again, despite shame, rejection and disappointment in our old lives.

What happened with our sin?

1 John 2:12

Why are we now worthy?

Rom 3:22-24

1 John 2:1

In this verse we see that we are forgiven but that if we do fall short again, we have an advocate with the Father, namely Jesus, the righteous one.



You are now His child, just as it is in the natural between a father and his son or daughter. If one day things do not go well, you remain His child. God is faithful and that which He has started, He will not let go. Even when we let go, He will not. Because you belong now! You are completely worth it.

c. Equipped

In a life with Jesus, our purpose for living will become clear. Jesus made us with a purpose and He will do everything in His power to bring you to the place where you fulfill that purpose.

Start looking for God today and asking Him to tell you what He thinks of your future. Ask Him to lead you to the place He wants you to be.

2 Cor 3:4-6

We read here that it is God's work and that it is He who makes us able.

In our daily lives we know too well what we need to do when, for example, our laptop is not working properly. You go to the shop and let the experts from the factory take a look at it. They are specialists in getting the computer to work. That is how it is with you and God. God specializes in showing us exactly for what we were made. The first is loving and giving. In our work this is a very important factor. God is a giver. There is something in us which we can give to others. For example, knowledge, something we enjoy making or restoring, doing odd jobs for others, giving encouragement and so the list goes on. When you start to learn to give you often get a feeling of satisfaction. Giving love and serving others is part of God's character and therefore also ours.

The Inheritance of Abraham

Abraham was called a friend of God. He was also considered righteous by God because he was dependent upon God and trusted Him. Each time that God spoke to Abraham, Abraham believed God. This resulted in God promising Abraham many blessings. Some of these promises were fulfilled during Abraham's lifetime, others were fulfilled much later.

Which blessings did God promise Abraham?

Gen 12:1-3

Gen 15:1

Gen 17:1-9

Gen 22:16,17

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Make sure that you write down these promises to Abraham and that you can find them again easily.

♡ These promises are also for you!

The Inheritance for Those Who Believe

We continually see that Abraham appears in various Bible stories as an example of faith. God made an everlasting covenant with Abraham and everyone else who, just like Abraham, trusts God and wants to live dependent upon Him.

Gal 3:6,7, Gal 3:14

Who inherits the earth?

Gal 3:29

Rom 4:13

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Is this promise really that important?

Because of the everlasting covenant God has made with Abraham, all who believe are therefore made righteous. He will never let go of what He has started. God calls Himself the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He is the God of the generations.

This means that when you start to believe, the blessing will come in your life. God's favor! But this blessing is not only for you, it extends to your family.

Through the choices made by Adam and Eve a curse came upon the earth with great consequences for their descendants. Your decision to believe in God the Father and Jesus Christ His Son has even greater consequences than the decision made by Adam and Eve. Through your decision the blessing will flow in your life and that of your family and surroundings.

The Holy Spirit is given to you especially as a down-payment of the inheritance.

Eph 1:13,14

EXERCISE:



Ask God to show you who you could pray for in your life or in your family. Ask God whose heart is open to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Thank God for the inheritance you have in Jesus Christ.

Pray regularly for the people God has put on your heart.



Write down for yourself your story with Jesus. Think about what may be important for others to hear from your story. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you with this.



Tell your story with Jesus to your mentor. Ask your mentor to help you with the points which you find difficult to explain well.

PRINCIPLE 20

We are already like Jesus in our spirit. Our new spirit, or our new human that we receive when we accept Jesus' sacrifice, was created in true holiness and righteousness. We are blessed and will pass on that blessing. We are heirs in the Abrahamic line.

The blessings of God through the line of Abraham, the Father of our faith.

Gen 12:1-3

great nation, blessings, great name, you will be a blessing, God will bless who Abraham blesses, who curses you will be cursed by God

Gen 15:1

protection (shield)

Gen 17:1-9

many descendants, father of many nations, kings will descend from you, eternal covenant, I will be your God and the God of your descendants

Gen 22:16,17

as many descendants as the stars in the sky, take possession of the cities of enemies

