

Our Full Identity in Christ Jesus

An 11-Session Bible Study

Who We Are Because of What He Has Done

Includes: Greek & Hebrew Word Studies · Cross-Reference Trails
Reflection Questions · Personal Application
Group Discussion · Prayer Guides

*"Christ in you, the hope of glory."
— Colossians 1:27*

How to Use This Study

This study guide contains eleven sessions, one for each foundational truth of Christian identity covered in the blog series. Each session is designed for approximately 60–90 minutes of personal study, or 90 minutes in a group setting.

Each session includes:

Session Focus — a theological grounding for the identity truth, written in accessible language.

Greek/Hebrew Word Studies — the original language behind key terms, with context from the ancient world.

Cross-Reference Trail — connected Scriptures that develop the theme across the biblical narrative.

Reflection Questions — personal, honest questions designed to move from theology to your actual life.

Personal Application — concrete, specific practices to embody the truth this week.

Group Discussion — questions for open, honest conversation with others on the same journey.

Prayer — a closing prayer that speaks the truth back to God as a declaration and invitation.

A note on approach:

Christian identity is not motivational content. It is covenantal reality — statements about who you are based on what Christ has done. The goal of this study is not information accumulation but genuine reception: learning to live from truths that are already true, rather than striving toward an identity you're hoping to earn.

Go slowly. Return to sessions. Let the word studies open the text in new ways. Use the reflection questions honestly. Pray the prayers as your own — not as liturgy to perform but as declarations to receive.

You are not discovering who you should be. You are discovering who you already are in Christ.

SESSION 11

Sent

"Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.'"

— John 20:21

◆ SESSION FOCUS

John 20:21 is structurally decisive: the mission of the disciples is explicitly patterned after and parallel to the mission of the Son. How did the Father send the Son? Not as a distant authority but as one who entered in, became flesh, served, suffered, loved at enormous cost. That is the shape of our sending. Paul calls believers 'ambassadors' (2 Corinthians 5:20 — presbeutes, the authorized envoy of a sovereign). An ambassador doesn't carry their own message or represent themselves. They carry their king's message and represent their king's character. You are sent not to earn identity but from it.

◆ GREEK/HEBREW WORD STUDIES

ὑποστέλλω
apostellō

To send with authority, to commission

John 20:21 uses apostellō for the Father's sending of the Son. The Apostles (apostoloi) take their name from this root — the sent ones. The word carries formal commission with delegated authority, not just errand-running.

πρεσβεύω
presbeuo

To be an ambassador, to represent officially

2 Corinthians 5:20. In Rome, a presbeutēs was the emperor's personal envoy — carrying full imperial authority in negotiations. Paul's claim: believers carry the authority and message of the King of creation into every conversation, every relationship, every corner of the world.

καταλλαγή
katallagē

Reconciliation, restoration from enmity

2 Corinthians 5:18–20. From *katallassō* — to change thoroughly, to restore from enmity to friendship. The ministry given to sent ones is reconciliation: the restoration of broken relationship between humanity and God. Not moral reform. Cosmic repair. The most important work in the world.

◆ **CROSS-REFERENCE TRAIL**

Matthew 28:18–20 All authority has been given to me — therefore go. Mission flows from his authority.

2 Corinthians 5:14–21 The love of Christ compels — full theology of ambassadorship and reconciliation.

Isaiah 6:8 Whom shall I send? Here am I — the prototype of Spirit-equipped response to God's sending.

Luke 4:18–19 Jesus announces his own commission (Isaiah 61). The sent one sends in the same Spirit.

Acts 1:8 Empowered by the Spirit, witnesses to the ends of the earth — scope and source of the sending.

◆ **REFLECTION QUESTIONS**

1. John 20:21 says we are sent as the Father sent the Son — incarnationally, sacrificially, at cost. What does that shape of mission look like in your specific context: your neighborhood, workplace, family?

Your response...

2. Paul says we are Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. Where in your life is God appealing to people through you — and are you aware of it?

Your response...

3. There's a crucial difference between serving to earn identity and serving from identity. Which do you tend toward? What are the symptoms of each in your life?

Your response...

◆ PERSONAL APPLICATION

→ *Map your mission field: write down the names of five people in your regular life who don't yet know Christ. Pray for each one by name this week. Ask God what it looks like to be his ambassador to them specifically.*

→ *Read 2 Corinthians 5:14–21 in full. Write in your own words: what is the message you carry? What would it sound like in a real conversation with someone you know?*

→ *Ask yourself: is my service driven by compulsion (fear, performance, guilt) or by the love of Christ that Paul describes in 5:14? Sit with the answer honestly and bring it to God.*

◆ GROUP DISCUSSION

1. How does knowing you are sent 'as the Father sent the Son' change the way you think about mission? What did the incarnation look like — and what does that mean for how we go?
2. An ambassador represents their sovereign, not themselves. How does this frame help you with the anxiety of evangelism or service — the fear of not having the right words, the right answers?
3. Share someone in your life you feel called to. What does it look like to be God's ambassador to that person in a way that's actually modeled after Jesus?
4. We've covered 11 identity truths across this series. Which one has most shifted something for you? How does it change the way you go into the world as a sent person?

◆ PRAYER

Jesus, you are the sent one.

And in your great grace, you have sent me.

Not to represent myself — but to carry your message, your character, your reconciling love.

Give me eyes to see my mission field.

Give me courage to speak and act.

Give me the love that compels, not the fear that paralyzes.

I go from a place of fullness, not to earn a place.

Send me. I am yours.

Amen.