

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature.

Created specifically for such a time as this—a phenomenally powerful being, the likes of which has never existed at any other time in the universe

Next Level

In the February 2 issue of Next Level, we determined to embark on a study of an extraordinarily fascinating creature—the New Testament believer who is in Christ. We will discover our identity in Christ. We will take inventory of what we possess in Christ. We will survey the authority and power we have been issued as a warrior servant of Christ. Finally, we will discover our Kingdom destiny and our Kingdom purpose in Christ.

Crippling reliance upon man's tradition, religion, denominationalism, movements, specialty preachers and various writings has taught us a confusing plethora of conflicting concepts about who we are to be as New Testament servants.

Jesus said In Mark 7 that we have invalidated the Word of God by our traditions that have been handed down. He said that we are guilty of neglecting the commandments of God in order to hold to the traditions of our denominations. I call it Sunday School Potty Talk, and it has resulted in a distorted self-image for many church people.

To successfully construct a strong, weight-bearing foundation for our true identity in Christ, we need first to excavate and eliminate the rotting, unstable foundation we have built from untruths or partial truths we traditionally believed. We will seek to discover our true identity as revealed in the Word of God, the foundation built upon the rock.

Be confident that the understanding of your image of yourself as a new creation can be in perfect alignment with Jesus' image of you. He gives you confidence to acquire this understanding on your own, without help from any person, your denomination, your Sunday school lesson, the television preacher or the latest best seller.

In the following passages, He gives scriptural assurance: **YOU** have the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:5). The anointing which **YOU** have received from Him abides in **YOU** and **YOU** have no need for anyone to teach **YOU** (1 John 2:27). God generously grants wisdom to **YOU** who ask of Him (James 1:5). Jesus said that to **YOU** have been granted the mysteries of the Kingdom (Matthew 13:10 and Luke 8:10). Paul's preaching brought to **YOU** the hidden mysteries (Ephesians 3:9).

God asks of us in 1 Corinthians 2:5, "Will you let your faith rest on the wisdom of man? Or will you let your faith rest on the power of God?" Let us passionately and decisively choose that our faith will rest on the Power of God!!

This will be an exciting study. The only registration fee that will be charged is your soul. If you haven't paid your fee, do it now. Get saved before the next Next Level comes out so you won't miss anything. If you need to know how to get saved, call me—we can get that accomplished right away. I'm at 254-749-3392. My name is Rick.