



Sermon Notes

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Confusion over our identity resides in the mind, not the spirit.

We are spirit, we have a soul, and we live in a body.

It is in our spirit that the Holy Spirit speaks to us.

Romans 8:16

¹⁶The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

Colossians 3:1-3

¹ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

God's love should change us!

We are called to: Live like we are free! Live like we are loved!

"What is freedom? Freedom is the assurance that your needs for security, significance, love, acceptance, and worth are always met in Christ. They can't be taken away by changing circumstances or personal bondages."

Neil Anderson

1 John 4:16

***¹⁶And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.
God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.***

Those who do not transition from the past are destined to repeat it.

John 8:36

³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

We are free the moment Christ frees us.

What was positional has not yet become transitional.



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Ephesians 2:8-9

⁸ God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹ Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

Our position before God has been changed forever.

Colossians 1:13

¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves

We are no longer citizens of this world, but citizens of a whole new kingdom – the kingdom of Jesus Christ.

Our slavery takes place in our minds!

The concept of knowing and relying on God's love must transition from our spirits to our minds, where we change the way we think.

"Knowing" something is when it goes from being informational to transformational.

Galatians 5:1

¹ It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

"The Bible was not given for our information but for our transformation."

— D.L. Moody

God changed us positionally so we would respond transitionally.

Ephesians 2:8-10

⁸ God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹ Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. ¹⁰ For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

If we still struggle with being slaves to our brokenness, it is because we haven't assimilated in our minds what has already happened spiritually.



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2 Peter 2:19

¹⁹ ...*“people are slaves to whatever has mastered them.”*

“Knowing” the truth means identifying with it.

Changing the identification process in our minds starts with a choice.

“Lord, I choose to go against everything I am feeling...I choose to believe that You love me and have already made me free!”

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