

STUDY TWO

DISCOVERING YOUR NEW SELF (KNOWING WHOM YOU ARE)

INTRODUCTION

Before Saul had his encounter with God on his way to Damascus, he was an avowed enemy of the Lord Jesus Christ, but after the experience on the way to Damascus, he became a different person. He was commissioned and he started preaching the same Gospel he had prosecuted. Act. 9:1-22. Saul (later Paul) was a servant or slave of the law, culture and traditions but was turned to a servant of God in Righteousness.

A. KNOWING WHOM YOU WERE

1. You were a servant of sin, a child of the Devil, but now had been delivered from sin and its passions. Rom. 6:16-18. Rom. 7:5-6. Jn. 8:34, 44. I Jn. 3:8
2. You who were taken captive, afflicted and dehumanized at will by the devil, you are now delivered totally from the power of the darkness by the Lord Jesus Christ. II Tim. 2:26, LK.13:11-16, Col. 1:13.
3. You were once nobody, totally alien to the common wealth of Israel and strangers to the covenant of promise, but have now been made sons, in fact, joint heirs with the Lord Jesus and thereby made entitled to all divine blessings. Rom. 9:25-26, Eph. 2:11-16, Rom. 8:17, Eph. 1:13, IIPeter 1:3-4, Eph. 2:19, I Peter 2:9-10.
4. Satan had ruled and claimed authority over you since you lost your first position due to sin, however, the NEW you is now restored from the FORMER position and you now have rule, power, dominion and authority over Satan and his cohorts. LK 4:6, Col 1:20-22, James 4:7, LK9:1, 10:1, 17.
5. You were blind to the light of the glorious gospel OF Jesus Christ but now you could see 2Cor. 4:4

B. HOW DOES GOD SEE YOU NOW

1. A new person entirely whose sins have both been washed away and forgotten. 2Cor 5:17, Heb 10 :17, Rev 1:5, Rom 8:1, Isaiah 43:25, 44:22. Sins mentioned here/every manner of sins committed in the past are forgiven by God
2. As being holy and peculiar to Him. He has consequently kept you as the apple of His eyes I Peter 2:9, Titus 2:14, Ex 19:5-6, Deut. 32:10, Deut. 7:6, Isaiah 54:15-17.
3. A new creation that is separated unto God. 2 Cor. 5:17, Eph. 4:22-24, Col 1:13-14.
4. The righteousness of God by faith in Christ. Rom. 3:22, Phil3:9, Isaiah 54:17, Gal. 2:20.

Sanctification

To sanctify means to make holy, make pure and to be separated unto God. Sanctification is the second work of grace. It attacks and removes the root of sin. Lev 20:7-8, Jn 17:17-18, Heb 12:14, 2Cor 6:14-18. Sanctification is of the body and all that we have. Lev 27:14-15, Rom 12:1-2. The deliverance from the power of besetting sins can be achieved through sanctification Heb 12:1.

You are sanctified by:

- The word Jn 17:17, Heb 4:12.
- The blood of Jesus Heb 10:19-20, 9:13-14, 1 Jn 1:7-9.
- The holy spirit 1 Peter 1:2, 2 Thess 2:13.
- God 1 Thess 5:23.

Conclusion

Your position is exactly like that of Saul mentioned in the introduction. You (put your name) were weak before, but now made strong, you were an under-dog to Satan but now his master. You are now to bind him and secure from his hands those he is still holding captive.

MEMORY VERSE: 1Peter 2:9

‘But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, peculiar people, that ye should show forth the praise of him who has called you’.

You now bear the rule, power, dominion and authority over Satan and his cohorts. 2Tim 2:25-26, 2Peter 2:9, Matt 28:18, Luke 9:1, 10:19.