

The Challenge of Identity in Christ

SLE Church Bloom
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Bible Reading: Colossians 3:1-4:1

Bible Talk Outline

Who are you?

Our lives in Christ

What the Christian life is not

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Relationships

- Wives
- Children
- Workers/Masters

Discussion Questions:

1. Hidden with Christ

Read Col 3:1-4, 12-15. We receive many benefits when we are in Christ. What are you thankful for?

- *Write a short reflection.*
- *Condense your reflection into a sentence.*
Prompt: What are you thankful to God for right now?
- *Share your sentence with the wider group as an encouragement to one another.*

2. Let the Word dwell richly

What might it look like for the Word to dwell in you richly day by day? What practices could you adopt in your current routine?

- *Share your ideas with the wider group in order to help us all think creatively how we can be reminding ourselves of our identity in Christ.*

3. Relationships in Christ

Colossians 3 has comforted us and challenged us to live out our union with Christ. The exhortations have been rich and varied. We've seen that Christ is all in all, that we are to put off sin, and to live lives characterised by love, gentleness, patience, and forgiveness. The final section applies this identity to our relationships - speaking directly to wives, children, workers, and masters. In this section we'll consider our current relationships.

- *Reflect quietly and fill in the table below.*
 1. Column 1: List three relationships in your life right now.
 2. Column 2: For each, consider how your identity in Christ should shape it. Re-read the passage and note any relevant instructions (e.g., to wives, workers, etc).
 3. Column 3: Identify what you might need to put off (e.g., how you speak) and what to put on (e.g., forgiveness, patience) that flows from your new life in Christ.

Relationship	How does Colossians 3 speak to this relationship?	How are you challenged to act differently in response?

- *Break into pairs and triplets. Share a little about these relationships and pray together for them*

Resources:

Sam Allberry, *One with My Lord: The Life-Changing Reality of Being in Christ*, Crossway, 2024

Richard Chin, *Captivated by Christ*, Matthias Media, 2019

Jocelyn Loane, *Motherhood*, Matthias Media, 2024

Sebastian Traegar and Greg Gilbert, *The Gospel at Work*, Zondervan, 2018

Christopher Ash, *Married for God*, SPCK Publishing, 2007