

Identity in Christ - Study Guide

10-Day Devotional

SESSION 1: Benefits of Being in Christ (Pastor Mirek Hufton)

BENEFITS OF BEING IN CHRIST

A Five-Day Devotional Series by Pastor Mirek Hufton

DAY: Monday

TITLE: Delivered and Relocated

KEY VERSE: Colossians 1:13-14 -- *"He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins."*

REFLECTION: I want you to really sit with this word -- *delivered*. It means rescued. Pulled out. And *conveyed* means transported, relocated, moved. You didn't just get a little spiritual upgrade when you gave your life to Jesus. You were moved. Completely transferred from the dominion of darkness into the kingdom of God's Son. That's past tense. It already happened.

I've seen so many believers live as though they're still under the old landlord's authority, when the truth is, you don't live there anymore. The address changed. Your citizenship changed. The devil has no legal hold on you. This isn't wishful thinking -- this is what the Word declares over your life right now. You've been rescued. You've been relocated. You are in Christ, and that changes everything.

PRAYER: Father, thank You that I am no longer under the dominion of darkness -- I've been moved into Your kingdom. Help me live today like someone who knows their address has changed. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAILY ACTION: Write this declaration on a notecard and say it aloud three times today: *"I have been delivered from the dominion of darkness and transferred into the kingdom of God's Son."*

DAY: Tuesday

TITLE: He Sat Down -- It's Finished

KEY VERSE: Hebrews 10:12 -- *"But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God."*

REFLECTION: I love this picture so much. Jesus sat down. Do you know why you sit down? Because the work is complete. You don't sit down when there's still something left to do. When Jesus said on the cross,

"It is finished," He meant it -- and when He ascended and sat at the right hand of the Father, He was saying it again without words: done. Paid. Complete.

That means every chain the enemy ever had over your life was legally broken at that cross. Every sin debt -- paid. Every accusation -- answered. I've told our congregation many times, this isn't just a legal document collecting dust in heaven. It's meant to become a vital reality in your daily life. You have to get this in you, speak it out, and act on it. The enemy will try to show you evidence that it's not true. That's when you look him in the eye and say, **"Jesus sat down. It's done."**

PRAYER: Jesus, thank You that Your sacrifice was complete -- one time, for all time, for me. Help me rest in what You finished rather than striving under what You already conquered. In Your name, amen.

DAILY ACTION: When a worry or fear tries to grip you today, stop and say out loud: **"Jesus sat down. The work is finished and I am free."**

DAY: Wednesday

TITLE: Seated With Him

KEY VERSE: Ephesians 2:6 -- **"And raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus."**

REFLECTION: Not only did Jesus sit down at the Father's right hand -- He made us sit with Him. In the mind of God, we have complete dominion over the works of darkness. I want you to get that picture on the inside of you. You're not crawling through life hoping the enemy leaves you alone. In Christ, you are seated in a position of authority.

I think about my mission trips -- times when everything around me was going wrong, the food was bad, I was exhausted, and I still had to preach. I had to remind myself out loud: **"I am born of God. I am a new creation. The Holy Spirit lives in me."** That's not arrogance -- that's knowing where you're seated. When you understand your position in Christ, it changes how you carry yourself at work, at home, everywhere. You walk differently. You talk differently. You don't take what the devil dishes out, because you know whose seat you occupy.

PRAYER: Father, help me see myself the way You see me -- seated with Christ in heavenly places, not crawling under the enemy's feet. Teach me to walk in that authority today. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAILY ACTION: Before you walk into a difficult situation today -- a meeting, a hard conversation, a challenging environment -- pause and declare: **"I am seated with Christ. I carry His authority."**

DAY: Thursday

TITLE: Right Standing With God

KEY VERSE: Psalm 110:1 -- *"The LORD said to my Lord, 'Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool.'"

REFLECTION: This is the most quoted scripture in the entire New Testament, and I believe it's because it carries something the Church desperately needs to hear. The right hand of God is the seat of power -- and when Jesus took that seat, complete dominion over every enemy was declared. That includes shame. Guilt. Inferiority. All of it -- footstool material.

I talk to people regularly who have done things they can't seem to forgive themselves for. The images keep coming back. The accusations keep replaying. And I tell them what I'll tell you today -- get every scripture on your right standing with God and wash your mind with it daily. You have been justified. God, the judge of the entire universe, has declared you righteous through faith in Jesus Christ. That's not something you earned. That's something you received. And when that truth gets on the inside of you, faith starts rising like you've never seen before. Stand tall in your spirit. No more shame. No more inferiority. You're right with God -- right now.

PRAYER: Father, I receive my right standing with You today -- not because of what I've done, but because of what Jesus did. Wash my mind with Your truth and let boldness replace every trace of shame. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAILY ACTION: Find one scripture about righteousness or right standing with God -- Romans 5:1 is a great start -- and speak it over yourself every time a condemning thought arises today.

DAY: Friday

TITLE: In Whom We Have

KEY VERSE: Colossians 1:14 -- *"In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins."*

REFLECTION: Two words have stayed with me all week from this sermon series: *in whom*. Not *will have*. Not *might have*. We *have* -- present tense, right now, fully yours. Redemption means bought back. You were once under the enemy's control, just like Israel under Pharaoh. But Jesus paid the price, and you are free.

I want you to close this week knowing that everything Jesus accomplished at the cross -- the deliverance, the authority, the righteousness, the eternal life -- it's all yours in Him. My job has always been to get you to

believe this Bible is actually true and to act on it. So don't just nod at these truths. Speak them out. Live them out. Rehearse them in your mind until they drop from your head into your heart. When you walk in the reality of who you are in Christ, the anointing shows up, boldness comes, and your life begins to impact every person around you. This is the life God designed for you. Walk in it.

PRAYER: Lord, thank You for everything I have *in* Christ -- redemption, forgiveness, authority, and life. Help me carry these truths into every moment of my day, every day of my life. In Jesus' mighty name, amen.

DAILY ACTION: Share one truth you've learned this week about who you are in Christ with someone else -- a friend, family member, or colleague. Speak it out, and watch it become more real to you as you do.

SESSION 2: Our Security is Found in Christ (Pastor Mirek Hufton)

Daily Devotionals: "Our Security Is Found in Christ"

Based on the sermon by Pastor Mirek Hufton

DAY: Monday

TITLE: Putting Away Childish Things

KEY VERSE: 1 Corinthians 13:11 -- "When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things."

REFLECTION: I'll be honest with you -- the more I studied insecurity for this series, the more I had to look at myself in the mirror. And what I found is that so many of our reactions, our defensiveness, our need to be right, they're not really adult responses at all. They're childish ones, dressed up in grown-up clothes. Paul isn't being harsh here. He's being hopeful. He's saying there is a maturity available to us. We don't have to stay stuck in those old patterns that were formed in us when we were young and didn't know better. Growing up in Christ means we start recognizing when we're reacting from a wounded place rather than a healed one. Today, let's choose to take one step forward into that maturity. Let's be honest enough to name what's still childish in us, and brave enough to bring it to Jesus.

PRAYER: Lord, I don't want to keep reacting like a wounded child when You've called me to walk as a mature son or daughter. Show me where I'm still holding onto old patterns, and give me the courage to face them honestly. Thank You that Your grace covers every stage of my growing up.

DAILY ACTION: At some point today, when you feel a defensive or reactive emotion rising up, pause and ask yourself: "Is this a mature response, or an old wound talking?" Just name it honestly before God.

DAY: Tuesday

TITLE: Think Like Jesus

KEY VERSE: Philippians 2:5 -- "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."

REFLECTION: Can you imagine Jesus being rattled by what people were saying about Him? Can you imagine Him backbiting someone because they gave Him a hard time? I can't. And that's exactly the point. Jesus was the most secure individual who ever walked this earth, and His security came from one thing -- He knew exactly who He was and who sent Him. He was on a mission from heaven, and nothing could shake that. Paul tells us we can have that same mind. Not just admire it from a distance, but actually think the way Jesus thought. That means when someone criticizes us, we don't crumble. When things don't go our way, we don't spiral. We stay rooted, stay peaceful, stay focused on the mission God has given us. You are on a mission from God. You have a purpose. When your mind is anchored in that truth, the enemy's thoughts simply don't have the same grip they used to.

PRAYER: Jesus, I want to think the way You think -- steady, peaceful, and outward-focused. Renew my mind today and help me to see myself and others through Your eyes. Thank You that I don't have to figure this out alone.

DAILY ACTION: Write down one sentence that describes your God-given mission or purpose. Read it out loud three times today, especially when your thoughts start pulling you toward fear or self-doubt.

DAY: Wednesday

TITLE: It's Not About Me

KEY VERSE: Galatians 2:20 -- "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

REFLECTION: Here's a question I asked my congregation that I want to ask you right now: when you walk into a room, are you thinking "who can I bless?" or "how will they bless me?" I'll be transparent -- that carnal, self-centered thinking is something I've had to wrestle with too. The flesh is always asking, "What about me?" But Paul says the whole game changes when we understand what the cross actually did. When Christ lives in me, my life is no longer turned inward. It becomes a river flowing outward. The self-centered life is an exhausting life, because you're always dependent on other people performing for you, always measuring whether you're getting enough recognition or appreciation. But when I live for Him who loved me and gave Himself for me, I'm freed from all of that. I become a supplier, not just a consumer. And that is where real joy lives.

PRAYER: Father, crucify the self-centered thinking in me today. I want to be so aware of Your love for me that I naturally overflow with love toward others. Help me to walk into every situation today asking, "Who can I bless?"

DAILY ACTION: Do one intentional act of blessing for someone today -- encourage a coworker, pay for someone's coffee, send a text of genuine appreciation. Make it about them, not you.

DAY: Thursday

TITLE: Drop It, Release It, Let It Go

KEY VERSE: Matthew 6:14 -- "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you."

REFLECTION: I've sat across from people in my office who looked me straight in the face and said, "I'm not forgiving them." And I understand the pain behind that. But I also know this -- carrying a grudge is like drinking poison and hoping the other person suffers. Unforgiveness is deeply rooted in insecurity. The secure person can afford to let go, because their identity isn't tied up in the offense. The insecure person holds on because releasing it feels like losing something. But here's the truth Jesus makes plain: unforgiveness blocks your healing, blocks your prayers, and keeps you locked in the past. I've learned to make forgiveness a lifestyle, not an event. The moment someone hurts me, I start releasing them. Not because they deserve it -- but because I want to be free. Drop it. Release it. Let it go. Say it with me right now. Those are the words of a secure, spiritually-minded person walking in the freedom Christ paid for.

PRAYER: Lord, I choose to forgive -- even when it's hard, even when they don't deserve it. Set me free from every root of bitterness that's been quietly growing in me, and teach me to make forgiveness a reflex, not a struggle. I want to be free.

DAILY ACTION: Think of one person -- or even yourself -- you've been withholding forgiveness from. Speak their name out loud and say: "I release you. I forgive you. I let this go in Jesus' name." Do it even if you don't fully feel it yet.

DAY: Friday

TITLE: Secure in Christ, Speaking in Faith

KEY VERSE: Galatians 2:20 -- "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

REFLECTION: I want to leave you with this truth as we close out this week: you have a voice, and that voice matters. The enemy can bombard your mind with thoughts of fear, doubt, and insecurity -- but he cannot speak. You can. And when you open your mouth and declare what God says about you, something supernatural happens. Your own mind quiets down to listen. I've watched people go through devastating losses -- betrayal, financial ruin, public humiliation -- and the ones who came through weren't the ones who had it easier. They were the ones who kept speaking life. Every insecurity you face has a word from God that stands against it. You are secure in Christ. Christ lives in you. He is secure, therefore you are secure. That's not positive thinking -- that's spiritual reality. Start declaring it. Your mouth is one of the most powerful weapons God has given you. Use it in His name, and watch your life change.

PRAYER: Lord, I declare today that my security is in You -- not in what people think of me, not in my circumstances, and not in my past. Christ lives in me, and because He is secure, I am secure. Teach me to speak that truth every single day.

DAILY ACTION: Speak this declaration out loud right now, and repeat it every morning next week: *"I have the mind of Christ. Christ lives in me. He is secure, and I am secure. I will face my insecurities

honestly and bring them to God -- and He will heal them in Jesus' name."*