



Undeclared, Underrated (Pt. 4)

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

This sermon emphasized the profound truth that as believers in Christ, we are new creations with unlimited potential and a fresh start. We learned that Jesus dealt with the sins of humanity but did not stay; instead, the Holy Spirit, the "governor" and "kingdom representative," has come to indwell us and permanently establish God's kingdom culture within us. The Holy Spirit is our ultimate Teacher, rewriting our history by focusing on who we are meant to be rather than what we have done, empowering us to be a light and a flavor-changer in the world.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

I. The New Creation and Freedom from Condemnation

- **Scripture:** 2 Cor. 5:17, Romans 8:34
- 2 Corinthians 5:17 tells us "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."
- Jesus had a task, to deal with the sins of men. But he did not come to stay.
- The Holy Spirit is only ONE REVELATION (expression) of the manifest presence of God.
- **Discussion Questions:**
 - What does it truly mean for your daily life that "old things are passed away" and "all things are become new" in Christ?
 - Considering that Christ paid our penalty, but the Holy Spirit came to stay, (to empower us to live as kingdom citizens) how does this free you from condemnation and empower you to live differently?

II. The Holy Spirit: Our Indwelling Governor and Teacher

- **Scripture:** John 14:26, Gal. 5:16, 2 Cor. 5:17
- Holy Spirit is a governor to a foreign land (our flesh) and brings the kingdom that sent him (the Kingdom of Heaven) to that place. The Holy Spirit is OUR TEACHER!

Discussion Questions:

- How has the Holy Spirit acted as a "governor" in your life, bringing kingdom culture to your old ways?
- How have you experienced the Holy Spirit teaching you and "rewriting your story" by revealing who you are meant to be, rather than focusing on what you have done?

III. Empowered to Be Salt and Light

- **Scripture:** Matthew 5:13, Acts 1:8
- We are different to make a DIFFERENCE and are meant to change the temperature and flavor in our culture by being "salt of the earth" and "a light in the darkness."
- Acts 1:8 states, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Discussion Questions:

- *Where have you been given influence (work, family, friends, etc.), and in what specific ways do you feel called to bring "salt and light" to those areas?*
- *How do you understand and access the Holy Spirit's power to live out this calling as a witness in your daily life?*

CONCLUSION & CHALLENGE

When we are in Christ, we are new creations (2 Cor. 5:17). Meaning, we have a FRESH START and UNLIMITED POTENTIAL. Jesus forgives and forgets our past, and we are only limited by what we remember. Praise God that the Holy Spirit rewrites our stories and is here to lead, guide, and teach us the ways of the kingdom! We have access to the ultimate teacher, and with his empowerment, we too can be undefeated and underrated! But it is up to us to allow Him to rewrite our stories embrace our kingdom identity and make a difference in our spheres of influence!

Personal Challenge:

This week, intentionally practice allowing the Holy Spirit to "rewrite your story". When you feel limited by past mistakes or perceived failures, actively remind yourself that in Christ, you are a new creation with unlimited potential. Ask the Holy Spirit, your ultimate Teacher, and Governor, to guide your thoughts and actions according to your newfound kingdom identity.

Group Challenge:

Let's commit to praying for one another to be bold "salt and light" in our spheres of influence this week. Share one specific area (work, family, community) where you want to intentionally demonstrate Christ's love and kingdom culture, and let's pray for the Holy Spirit's power to equip each of us to make a difference.