### **Start Presentation**

Matthew 16:24-25

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it."



# Finding Yourself In Scripture

Luke 4:16-19

When he came to the village of Nazareth, his boyhood home, he went as usual to the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read the Scriptures. The scroll of Isaiah the prophet was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where this was written:

"The Spirit of the LORD is upon me,

for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the LORD's favor has come."

#### John 1:12-13

#### **Promise of New Birth**

Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."

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John 3:16, 1:12-13, 1 John 5:11-12 Reality of New Birth
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For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.

And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God's Son does not have life. Luke 4:20-21,28-30

He rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the attendant, and sat down. All eyes in the synagogue looked at him intently. Then he began to speak to them. "The Scripture you've just heard has been fulfilled this very day!"

When they heard this, the people in the synagogue were furious. Jumping up, they mobbed him and forced him to the edge of the hill on which the town was built. They intended to push him over the cliff, but he passed right through the crowd and went on his way.

# Finding Yourself In Christ

2 Corinthians 5:17, Colossians 3:10-11 New Creation

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

The old previous moral and spiritual condition has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come! [AMPLIFIED]

In this new creation life, your nationality makes no difference, or your ethnicity, education, or economic status—they matter nothing. For it is Christ that means everything as he lives in every one of us! Ephesians 4:24, Colossians 1:21-22

**New Creation** 

Put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight. Romans 15:17, Philippians 3:9, Galatians 2:21 Righteous

For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ.

I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain.

Philippians 4:13, Romans 5:5

Strength & Love

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. Ephesians 2:10, Philippians 2:13

Purpose & Plan

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.

For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

John 14:15-18, 16:13

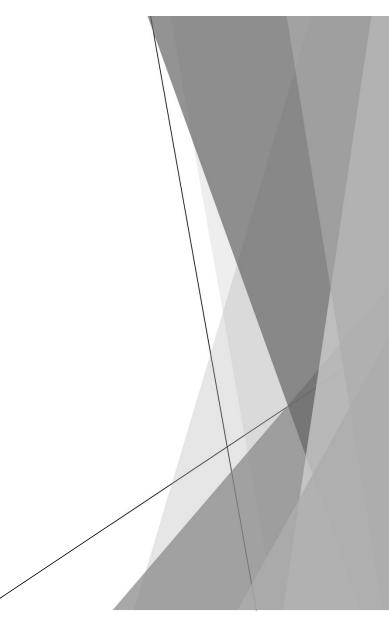
**Never Alone** 

I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

# **Finding Yourself**

- Finding Yourself In Scripture
- Finding Yourself In Christ





# The End