

# Let's Discuss...Salvation

PART 6\_Who Are You Saved to Be?



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## Key Bible verses:

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*  
2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV

*So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself.*

Matthew 6:34a NASB1995

## EPISODE SUMMARY

In this episode we move on from chatting about what we're saved from, to reflect on who we are invited to become through salvation. Becoming more like Christ doesn't just make us clones, but actually brings out our true selves. We discuss how as we journey with Jesus, we are able to experience unexpected peace in the midst of troubling circumstances.

## LET'S DISCUSS...

- Unity is not the same as uniformity. Carlos mentions he was scared to become like Christ because he didn't want to become a clone. Have you ever had this thought? Do you think Christianity empowers us to be authentically ourselves, while united in Spirit, or are we all just supposed to be exactly like each other?
- We all possess darkness, blind spots and insecurities that stand in the way of us being all that God created us to be. How has embarking on this journey of discipleship helped you get more in touch with your true self, or brought to light these hidden parts within?

*You, Lord, keep my lamp burning;  
my God turns my darkness into light.  
With your help I can advance against a troop;  
with my God I can scale a wall.*  
Psalm 18:28-29 NIV

- When you read 2 Corinthians 5:17, what "new has come" in your life?
- Philippians 4:7 NIV says, "And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Have you personally experienced this peace that transcends all understanding? What are the biggest barriers to your own peace?
- Chanel talks about how she is learning to see herself the way Jesus sees her. Jesus tells us in Mark 12:31 that the second greatest commandment (after loving God with all our hearts) is to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. Do you see a connection between Chanel's statement and Jesus's commandment? (Hint: How does seeing ourselves the way Jesus sees us enable us to love our neighbor?)
  - » Consider taking some time to write out some of the ways Jesus sees you, or words of encouragement you think He'd say to you if you could see and hear Him in human form. These could be things you've learned through Scripture, or impressions that He has spoken to your heart.
- What else comes to mind when you think of who you are saved to be?
  - » Do you feel you like you are equipped to become who you are saved to be? What does Paul mean in Philippians when He says "work out your own salvation"?

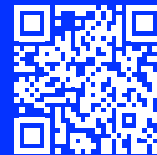
*Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.*  
Philippians 2:12-13 ESV

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## **LET'S PRAY...**

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- Reflect on the processes through which we see new life and regeneration in nature. Consider the cycles of the seasons, the way that different parts of the ecosystem work together in mutually beneficial ways, the growth and evolution of plants and animals (like a seed to a tree or a caterpillar to a butterfly), the role that death plays in new life, etc. Meditate on what this might look like in our spiritual lives as we become new creations. Invite the Holy Spirit to continue these processes in you, and create space in your heart, mind, spirit, and daily life for Him to do so.

## **LET'S GO DEEPER...**

- “Can We Experience Eternal Life Today?” by Cheree Hayes & BibleProject Team [article]

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