God does Not Condemn Us

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* We are already accepted

Romans 8:1

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We Don't Have To Try To Become What We Already Ar

* It is not what we	that deter	mines	
who we	. It's who we	that	
determines what	we		
Paul's letters:	First half Second half		God has done ve should do
with recognising	that you actually l accepted Christ, a	oecame s	

A True Understanding Of God's Nature

Read the 'My Father God' list.

In The Coming Week

Read the "My Father God" list out loud every day. Pick one of the truths that is particularly relevant to you and read it in its context. Then ask the Lord to help you understand it more fully.

Big Question (to consider before the next session)

Do you believe that an atheist has more or less faith than a Christian? What about a Hindu or Moslem? What about someone who "just doesn't know" (There will be opportunity to share at the next L.I.F.E. Focus Group)



Introduction

Jesus said that we will know the truth and the truth will set us free! (*John 8:32*) In the first three sessions we look at some of the **key truths** we need to know about what it means to be a Christian.

SESSION 2: Who Am I Now?

Focus verse:

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Focus truth:

Your decision to follow Christ was the defining moment of your life and led to a complete change in who you are.

What A Difference!

2 Corinthians 5:17: has gone has come Ephesians 3:8 were are

Colossians 1:13 has rescued brought us into

Facts not feelings!

Sinners & Saints

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)		
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I Am A Saint Not just a title but a reflection of what has happened. Changed completely. Galatians 3:27: 'disguised' with righteousness of Christ or clothed as a restored son? Notes	We are often spiritually crippled by believing Satan's lies. You are not saved by how you but by how you Notes
'In Christ' - Letter to the Ephesians: 40 times 2 Peter 1:4: 'share in God's divine nature.' X Not just	Being Pleasing To God * My primary identity: A saint who sins but not a sinner
✓ But a Changed behaviour comes from realising you are a whole new	<pre>What Happens When I Sin? * Capacity not to sin (1 John 2:1) * Not sinless perfection (1 John1:8)</pre>
See Romans 6:23 To change a dead man you must do two things: * Find a cure for the disease that caused him to die. Our 'disease' is The cure is Jesus' on the * Give him life God's gift of life Notes	* Our fundamental relationship with our Heavenly Father does not change. His lives in us (Romans 8:9) We share His very (2 Peter 1:4) * We restore harmony by turning back to Him and away from our sin. Agree that we were wrong: Turn away from our sin: Notes
Defeated Christians Do Not Know The Truth No-one can consistently in a way that is inconsistent with what they about themselves	