

14. Am I content with pursuing holiness or do I sometimes envy the wicked?
15. How can you apply this week's text practically in your life today?
16. How can we pray for one another this week?



Message #40: Know, Believe, Consider

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## Sermon Notes

### 1. Know

#### Quotes to Ponder

*What you do doesn't determine who you are;  
who you are determines what you do.*

*A Christian is not simply a person who is forgiven & goes to heaven. A Christian, in terms of his or her deepest identity, is a saint, a spiritually born child of God, a divine masterpiece, a child of light, a citizen of heaven.*

Neil T. Anderson

*A righteous identity must issue in righteous behavior. Such behavior is the outward manifestation of the inward transformation, and it is the only sure proof that such transformation has taken place.*

John MacArthur

*A faith which works not for purification will work for putrefaction. Unless our faith makes us pine after holiness, it is no better than the faith of devils, and perhaps it is not even so good as that. A holy man is the workmanship of the Holy Spirit.*

Charles Spurgeon

*Many Christians have what we might call a "cultural holiness." They adapt to the character & behavior pattern of Christians around them. As the Christian culture around them is more or less holy, so these Christians are more or less holy. But God has not called us to be like those around us. He has called us to be like Himself. Holiness is nothing less than conformity to the character of God.*

*We could not take one step in the pursuit of holiness if God in His grace had not first delivered us from the dominion of sin & brought us into union with His risen Son. Salvation is by grace & sanctification is by grace.*

Jerry Bridges

### 2. Believe

### 3. Consider

1. What in the text or sermon impacted you most? What encouraged you? What called for more clarification?

2. What does God want from us as His children according to *Romans 12:2* and *1 Peter 1:15-16*?

3. Why is it important to know God's truth?

*Isaiah 1:3* —

*Hosea 4:6* —

*Colossians 3:8-10* —

4. What does Paul want us to *know* in *Romans 6:3, 6, & 9*?

5. What does Paul want us to *believe* in *Romans 6:8*?

6. What does Paul want us to *consider* in *Romans 6:11*?

7. What is the significance of being *united with Him* (*Romans 6:5*)?

8. What does Jesus' resurrection mean to me (*Romans 6:4, 5, & 8*)?

How have I experienced the power of Christ's resurrection?

9. What does Paul mean by the phrase *body of sin* (*Romans 6:6*)?

Are our bodies sinful? Explain.

10. How can Paul write that we are *freed from sin* (*Romans 6:7*)? Do I currently experience this freedom?

What simple action will enable and empower me to experience this reality (*Romans 6:3, 6, & 9*)?

What is the primary purpose and earthly benefit of our identification in Christ's death (*Romans 6:6*)?

11. A Christian must know his position in Christ before he can obey God because obedience is built on God's truth. Are you endeavoring to act in obedience to God? Do you know your position in Christ?

12. What is our identity as being *in Christ*?

13. When a Christian knows, believes, & considers that he is actually dead to sin & alive to God, he can have confidence over temptation, sin, & death. Are you daily experiencing victory in those areas? What would help you be more victorious?