

## Project 20 : Verse 1 Week 2 (1<sup>st</sup> October)

<b>1. INTRODUCTION</b>
So we have an understanding of WHO Timothy was, how he came to faith, and that he was disciplined and mentored by Paul. Let's start unpacking this great letter Paul writes to Timothy addressing issues that are still very relevant in life today.
<b>2. READ</b>
Have spare Bibles available and let's start by reading 1 Timothy Chapter 1 verse 1 together.
<b>3. WATCH THE VIDEO – WEEK 2</b>
Watch this short video clip.
<b>4. DISCUSS</b>
<b>Questions:</b>
Paul identified himself as an 'Apostle of Jesus Christ'. How do we define ourselves? How do we talk about ourselves to other people?
How SHOULD we define ourselves in Christ? Read the scriptures in Appendix A together. How does this affect our identity?
Paul clearly understood his role, given by God. What role has God given you? How do you know this and how do you grow in this call? Discuss the question then Read John 15:16, 1 Peter 2:9, Matthew 28:18-20, Philippians 1:9, Philippians 2:12-16
Many people get their identity from their job or function in life eg, father, mother, lawyer etc. do we ensure we don't build false identities based on other things and stay fixed on our true hope Jesus Christ?
Here in verse 1 Paul states he was 'commanded' – what is the difference between a command and a choice?
In what areas of your life do you live under God's command? Read Ephesians 5:1-20 together for some commands from God to all His Children.
In what areas of your life do you live under choice?
What are our expectations of Jesus?
Read 2 Corinthians 5:17 – how does this verse affect the way we live?
Read 1 Timothy verse 1 again to close. Jesus Christ is described as our 'Hope' – what does this mean?
<b>5. Over to you... (personal application)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ What did you find challenging in this study?</li> <li>▪ Is there anything the Holy Spirit is highlighting that you need to work on after this study?</li> <li>▪ Make a decision – let's not just be those who hear God's word but those who live it out. Make a decision based on this study of how you are going to walk this teaching out personally.</li> <li>▪ Take time to read 1 Timothy 1 verses 1 and 2 over the next few days and really consider what you are reading. We will be studying verse 2 next.</li> </ul>

Appendix A

## WHO AM I IN CHRIST – MY REAL IDENTITY

- I have been buried, raised, and made alive with Christ. (Colossians 2:12,13)
- I died with Christ and I have been raised up with Christ. My life is now hidden With Christ in God.  
Christ is now my life. (Colossians 1:1-4)
- I am blameless and free from accusation. (Colossians 1:22) Christ Himself is in me. (Colossians 1:27)
- I am firmly rooted in Christ and am now being built up in Him. (Col. 2:7)
- I have been made complete in Christ. (Colossians 2:10)
- I am chosen of God, holy and dearly loved. (Col. 3:12; 1 Thessalonians 1:4)
- I have been given a spirit of power, love, and self-discipline. (2 Timothy 1:7)
- I have been saved and set apart according to God's doing. (2 Timothy 1:9; Titus 3:5)
- He is not ashamed to call me brother. (Hebrews 2:11)
- I am a holy partaker of a heavenly calling. (Hebrews 3:1)
- I have the right to come boldly before the throne of God to find mercy and grace in a time of need. (Hebrews 4:16)
- I am one of God's living stones, being built up in Christ as a spiritual house. (1 Peter 2:5)
- I am a member of a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a People for God's own possession.  
(1 Peter 2:9,10)
- I have been given exceedingly great and precious promises by God by Which I am a partaker of God's divine nature. (2 Peter 1:4)
- I am forgiven on the account of Jesus' name. (1 John 2:12)
- I am anointed by God. (1 John 2:27)
- I am a child of God and I will resemble Christ when He returns. (1 John 3:1,2)
- I am loved. (1 John 4:10) I have life. (1 John 5:12)
- I am equipped to make disciples. (Matthew 28:19,20)
- I have eternal life. (John 10:27) I have been given peace. (John 14:27)
- I am clean. (John 15:3) I am Christ's friend. (John 15:15)
- I am chosen and appointed by Christ to bear His fruit. (John 15:16)
- I have been given glory. (John 17:22)
- I have been justified...completely forgiven and made righteous. (Romans 5:1)
- I am free forever from condemnation. (Romans 8:1)
- I am a joint heir with Christ, sharing His inheritance with Him (Romans 8:17)
- I am more than a conqueror through Christ, who loves me. (Romans 8:37)
- I have faith. (Romans 12:3)

- I have received the Spirit of God into my life that I might know the things freely given to me by God. (1 Corinthians 2:12)
- I have been given the mind of Christ. (1 Corinthians 2:16)
- I am a temple...a dwelling place...of God. His Spirit and His life dwell in me. (1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19)
- I am united to the Lord and am one spirit with Him. (1 Corinthians 6:17)
- I am bought with a price; I am not my own; I belong to God. (1 Corinthians 6:19,20; 7:23)
- I am called. (1 Corinthians 7:17) I am a member of Christ's Body. (1 Corinthians 12:27;
- I am victorious through Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:57)
- I have been established, anointed and sealed by God in Christ, and I have been given to the Holy Spirit as a pledge guaranteeing my inheritance to come. (2 Corinthians 1:21; Ephesians 1:13,14)
- I am being changed into the likeness of Christ. (2 Corinthians 3:18)
- Since I have died, I no longer live for myself, but for Christ. (2 Corinthians 5:14,15)
- I am a new creation. (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- I am given strength in exchange for weakness. (2 Corinthians 12:10)
- I have been crucified with Christ and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. The life I am now living is Christ's life. (Galatians 2:20)
- I was chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and am without blame before Him. (Ephesians 1:4)
- I was predestined...determined by God...to be adopted as God's son. (Ephesians 1:5)
- I have been raised up and seated with Christ in heaven. (Ephesians 2:6)
- I am God's workmanship...His handiwork...born anew in Christ to do His work. (Ephesians 2:10)
- I may approach God with boldness, freedom, and confidence. (Eph. 3:12)
- I am a citizen of heaven, seated in heaven right now. (Philippians 3:20 Ephesians 2:6)
- I have been blessed with every spiritual blessing. (Ephesians 1:3)