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A mature member will be able to articulate a clear understanding of their reborn, God-given (and Christ-redeemed) identity.

SAVED

Lesson 0.1 ends this way: He (Christ) calls and empowers us to act, to REPENT; turn away from the sinful life we've lived and look up for the salvation that's been sent.

1 John 4:9-10 God showed his love for us when **he sent his only Son into the world to give us life.** (10) Real love isn't our love for God, but his love for us. God sent his Son to be the sacrifice by which our sins are forgiven.

Romans 6:22-23 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. (23) For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We were on fire, and we needed the fire department—someone who knew what was needed to save us. We could not save ourselves and we were doomed. There was only one way. Sacrifice.

Jesus Christ died for our sins. His death paid the full price for our salvation. Through the death and resurrection of God's own Son, the debt we owed was satisfied. Death was required—ours or someone else's. Only God himself was a perfect payment (propitiation) and that is why Jesus Christ, Immanuel, God with us, came to earth.

Q. Do you remember when Jesus Christ became your savior? What happened, who was involved? Write that event or process down with a prayer of thanks.

REBORN

Read John 3:1-15

John 3:3-6 Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again [born from above] he cannot see the kingdom of God.” (4) 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?” (5) Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. (6) That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”

Twice in His conversation with Nicodemus, Jesus stressed the truth that one must be born again to enter the kingdom of God ([John 3:3,5](#)). Being born *once* makes us children of Adam [flesh], and we share Adam's corruption and death. We need a *second* birth—a spiritual birth—to make us children of God. We must be born again.

2 Corinthians 5:16-17 From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. (17) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

The invitation from Christ to share in what He has done was an opportunity to let Him work a real miracle within you. You were changed, reborn, **a new creation!!** This is a miraculous gift from God alone. *“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* You are now a walking miracle.

Q. Have you considered what Christ did for you and in you as a true miracle? How would you explain that to someone else? Reflect and write your thoughts here.

A NEW IDENTITY

Now this is your identity:

1 Peter 2:9-10 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

You have been brought into a new family, the family of God and given in identity as an adopted child. You are reborn, you are spiritually alive because of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. You belong to God.

This is now your identity, a child of God because He picked you. You didn't earn it, you don't deserve it, but you have received God's mercy and love and have been welcomed into His family forever.

Q. What do you think it means to be a “chosen race, a royal priesthood, and a holy nation?” How does this change your view of yourself?

CONCLUSION

- You have been SAVED through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ because this was the ONLY way it could happen. *God showed his love for us when **he sent his only Son into the world to give us life.***
- You have been REBORN of God by faith in the life and death of Jesus Christ. Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again [born from above] he cannot see the kingdom of God.”
- You have been given a NEW IDENTITY in the family of God. *“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”*

LEADERSHIP CONNECTION QUESTION

Q. You now lead as a new creation. You are chosen, a royal priest, part of a holy nation and a possession of God Himself. Because this is true, you lead for a different reason, for a different purpose, than you did. Your “why” has changed.

How does knowing you are a new creation with a new identity affect how you lead?

RESOURCES FOR NEXT STEPS

- KMI Lesson 1.2
- Bible Reading
[John 3|CSB Bible|YouVersion](#)
- RightNow Media @WorkStudy
<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/interactive-content/529039/details>