



AS HE IS

YOU ARE MORE LIKE CHRIST THAN YOU THOUGHT

MESSAGE SUMMARY

When you don't know who you are, you end up in places you were never meant to be. The world gives labels based on what you've done—but God gives you a label based on what He's done. From the very beginning, your label has been "Image Bearer." Sin tried to cover that identity, but Jesus restored it. Now, as 1 John 4:17 says, "As He is, so are we in this world." Your identity is not based on performance or problems—it's based on your **position** in Christ.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- 👉 God's label on your life is **Image Bearer**.
 - 👉 The labels you believe will shape the life you live.
 - 👉 The enemy's plan is to hijack your label so you miss your destiny.
 - 👉 **Performance and problems don't define you**—your position in Christ does.
 - 👉 As He is—glorified and victorious—so are you in this world.
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KEY SCRIPTURES

- 💡 **Genesis 1:27** — “So God created mankind in his own image...”
 - 💡 **Numbers 13:33** — “We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them.”
 - 💡 **1 John 4:17** — “As He is, so are we in this world.”
 - 💡 **2 Corinthians 5:17** — “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation...”
 - 💡 **Colossians 3:3** — “For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.”
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ICEBREAKER

- What's the most embarrassing or awkward situation you've ever been in?
 - If people had to wear “name tag labels” with one word to describe themselves, what would yours say right now?
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SURFACE LEVEL 🧐

- What part of tonight's message hit you the hardest?
 - Why do you think labels have so much power over people?
 - Have you ever believed a negative label about yourself that shaped the way you lived?
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DEEP DIVE 📖

- **Read Genesis 1:27.** What does it mean to be made in the image of God?
 - **Read Numbers 13:33.** How did the Israelites' self-label stop them from receiving what God promised?
 - **Read 1 John 4:17.** What does it mean that "as He is, so are we in this world"?
 - How does the difference between position (unchanging in Christ) and condition (our ups and downs) change the way you see yourself?
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PERSONAL APPLICATION 💡

- What false labels have you been carrying that God never gave you?
 - How would your life look different if you actually believed God's label—"Image Bearer, in Christ"—was your truest identity?
 - Which broken lens do you struggle with most: performance, problems, or misplaced ambition?
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PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

👉 **Choose one of these this week:**

1. Write down three false labels you've believed about yourself—and cross them out, replacing them with God's truth.
2. Every morning, declare 1 John 4:17 out loud: *"As He is, so am I in this world."*
3. Tell one trusted friend or leader the label you've struggled with—and ask them to remind you of your true identity this week.


💡 **Challenge:** Each time you catch yourself saying "I am [negative label]," stop and replace it with "I am in Christ."

CLOSING PRAYER

"God, thank You for giving me a new label in Christ. Forgive me for believing lies about who I am. I declare that I am Your image bearer—loved, chosen, and covered by Jesus. Help me stop living under shame and start living in my true identity. As You are, so am I in this world. In Jesus' name, Amen."

SPIRITUAL GROWTH FOCUS

STEP #6 — EMBRACE YOUR TRUE IDENTITY

 Why is this crucial? Because when you know your identity, you can step into your destiny.

 **July 17** Weekly Commitments:

- ✓ Memorize 1 John 4:17.
- ✓ Replace one negative label with God's truth every day this week.
- ✓ Share with a friend what God says about you—and encourage them to do the same.