

Titus: Different than I was! ...*Titus 1:5-9 / 2Peter 1:3-10*

"His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us to His own glory and excellence, by which He has granted to us His precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire."
 ...2Peter 1:3-4 (ESV)

1. Equipped by the Grace of God... He's given us everything we need!

Scripture... Titus 2:11-12

- Equipped by the **Holy Spirit**... 1Corinthians 10:12-13
- Equipped by the **Freedom from Sin**... Romans 6:6-7, Ephesians 4:20-24, Romans 12:1-2
- Equipped with a **New Identity**... 2Corinthians 5:17, Romans 8:12-17, Galatians 4:4-7
- Equipped with an **Example to Follow**... Ephesians 5:1, 1Corinthians 11:1

...But there's more... 2Peter 1:3-4

Our New Spiritual DNA: His _____ has given us His _____
 ...equipping us to be like Him and "escape from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire".

2. Walking = Steps, to a Godly Life...

Scripture... 2Peter 1:5-10

- **Daily Choices we Make**... *Who are you going to be?*
- **5 Principles for a Godly Man**...
- **Understanding Your Identity...and the Impact it has on Your Outcome!**

3. The Result...a Transformed and Changed Life...

Scripture... Galatians 5:22-26, Romans 12:1-2

- **Your's is to Surrender and Fertilize**... *You cannot create the consistent Fruit!*
- **His is to Develop the Fruit**...
- **Your's is to Remain Faithful and Consistent**...
- **RESULT: Redeemed, and Different than I was!**

1. Last week we talked about some of the ways that the Lord equips us for the new life He has given us...the life He created us to live... Let's take a few minutes to go over each one, and talk about what that looks like in our daily lives. (Read the corresponding Verses listed by having Group Members prepare at the beginning to read one verse per person).

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2. **READ 2Peter 1:3-4...** What does this tell you regarding the impact that knowing and having a growing relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ has on your life? In what ways does this affect and change your perspective on life, your identity, and how you live?

3. **READ 2Peter 1:5-7 together...** Describe the effect that each of the listed characteristics can have on your life, and in the lives of those in your home and closest to you, when consistently applied in your own daily life...

4. **READ Galatians 5:22-25 together...** What do you think the effect would be on your life, and more importantly the lives of your wife, children, and those closest to you and within your home, if the following "Fruits of the Spirit" were to flourish in your life and in the way you care for them? Write a few words to note the effect it would have:

- Love -
- Joy -
- Peace -
- Patience -
- Kindness -
- Goodness -
- Faithfulness -
- Gentleness -
- Self-Control -

5. What kind of specific small and consistent steps will you daily commit to that will help "train you to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives" (Titus 2:12), and resulting in the "Fruits of the Spirit" (Galatians 5:22-26) to grow and even flourish in your life?

Take a few moments to share any Prayer Requests with the men in your Group. Write down any requests and commit to pray for one another throughout the week.

(It's great to know that other guys are praying for the important things in your life...and it's great to be praying for the important things in their lives!)

How do the **5 Principles for the Christian Man**, help equip you to apply this to your life?

Discuss your answer with your group...

- Prayer (*Relationship*)
- God's Word (*Knowledge and Understanding*)
- Worship (*Adoration*)
- Fellowship (*Encouragement and Accountability*)
- Service (*Caring for Others, Action to your Belief*)