



"If anyone is in Christ, he/she is a new creation." Jesus is not offering to clean up the old; he is offering to enable the new. Because of his death and resurrection, the possibility now exists for us to be fully released to become who we were always meant to be, who we can be recreated to be. The old you is buried and dead. You have been born again. Welcome to You 2.0!

A New Identity 2.0 Claim

1. Rick began by noting that *"Every person who has surrendered to Christ and been filled with his Spirit has a new identity"*. Why is understanding and embracing our new identity in Christ crucial for our personal transformation? Follow up: How has growing in your understanding of your new identity in Christ impacted your personal attitudes, mindset, and way of living?
2. **A NEW NAME 2.0 CLAIM. God has a new name for you 2.0!** God renames people to *redefine people*. What examples of this do we see in the Bible? What does it signify when God gives someone a new name? Follow up: How does receiving a new name/identity from God change how we view and understand ourselves? What "old names" or lies might you still need to shed?
3. **A NEW YOU 2.0 DO: Sainthood is the status for you 2.0.** What does it mean to be a 'saint' according to the Bible and why is this distinction important? Follow up: Why do you think the term "saint" is more common in the New Testament than the word "Christian" (68 times to 3 times), and what implications does this have for our identity?
4. **A NEW YOU 2.0 DO: Your new identity is received, not achieved.** What does it mean that our status as saints is received rather than achieved (**see Hebrews 10:10**)? How does this change our perspective on spiritual growth & holiness (**see 1 Corinthians 6:11 & 19**)?
5. **A NEW YOU 2.0 DO: You 2.0 should be holy in all you do.** Why is it vital that we let our identity as God's holy people shape our attitudes and behaviors, according to passages like **Ephesians 5:3-4**? How does this both encourage and challenge you?
6. How can we practically apply the concept of living out our new identity in our daily lives, especially in light of temptations to drift back into old habits? Follow up: What are some ways you've experienced the Holy Spirit leading you to live like who God says you are?
7. Rick closed by asking us to reflect on this question: **Just who do you think you are?** With that in mind, when has someone's perspective of you as a "saint of God" (a loved child of God) helped reshape your own self-perception? How can we do that for others?

