 **CHRIST COMPANION BIBLE CHURCH**

 **Weekly Bible Study**

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 **YOUR IDENTIFYING LABEL AND CHRIST Part 2(STUDY32)**

**Text**: 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, 10:12, Isaiah 62:4

**Memory Verse**: **1Chronicles 4:9-10**

 One of the good thing given to mankind is the ability to make choices. Human's will and decision is so powerful that it can attempt and achieve what many consider to be impossible. Especially when your heart and mind are filled with the Holy Spirit, you can easily change and re-write your stories. Bad habit can be remedied, unrefined nature can be cultured. In summary, you can re-write your label.

 **RE-WRITE YOUR LABEL 1TIMOTHY 1:12-17**

 Mirror is a good invention. It always reveals physical appearance to a great extent. The word of God when quickened by the Holy Spirit is a perfect revealer. It reveals the inwards, that mirror will fail to unfold! It is the nature of man to cover and defend inadequacy in morals and habits that undermines their pride. The true solution can only be done by coming naked before God like Jacob at Peniel for a touch from heaven that will leave a permanent mark of true holiness and Christ-like character. We have a lot to learn from the following Kingdom Generals:

**1. Isaiah was a fiery and judgemental Prophet! In Isaiah 5:8,11,18,20,21,22** ***he declared woes, six times upon his listeners! Yet himself was irritable before God!*** He needed to repent and re-write his name in glory. In Isaiah 6:1-8, an encounter with God brought a change upon his life as he saw God and saw himself rightly. His message changed! He cried, **'Woe is me, I am a man of unclean lip!"** Rather than been critical and proud, in his holier than thou attitude and label, he was translated to a gracious, empathic and compassionate Prophet, who would plead with God and men for a rain of righteousness and revival upon the earth! Isaiah 62:1-4. You too can pray for real encounter that help you see yourself in God's perspective. Only then you will cry for grace to become the person God want you to be!

**2. Saul was a religious zealot! He majored in persecuting, injuring, maiming and imprisoning true followers of Christ!** To him, he was a servant of God. A defender of the faith of Abraham, his fore father! However, his labels as blasphemer, injurious fellow etc. was changed having encountered Jesus! Act 22: 3-10. Saul got transformed to Apostle Paul, and re-wrote his label as the great lover of the Church and a writer of the new Testament Epistles! Theologically, we can not start debating, whose name will be written as label of honour on the twelveth foundations of the new Jerusalem coming from above! Revelation 21:14. **Definitely, it can't be Judas. The lot will only come between Mathias and Paul.** This is left for Jesus to decide!

As a believer or unbeliever, you have the power to redeem your image. You can re-write your name in gold.

**3. What are those things to re-write that will earn you a competitive and graciously attractive label in Christ?(See Philippians 4:8).**

*i. Value and embrace nothing but the truth. John 14:6.*

*ii. Deal honestly in all things: Business, relationship, service, word and deed, etc.*

*iii. Be just and fair. Always go by the royal law. Do to others as you want them to do to you. This is the royal law in Christ. James 2:8.*

*iv. Set purity and holiness as your benchmark in principles and conduct.*

*v. Build a lovely personality.*

*vi. Be mindful of the impression and report you have with people! Positive reports earn you goodwill from others. It gives you winning power with men!*

*vii. Place character, virtue and integrity above every other thing. It is your best asset to influence the world for Christ.*

 Check your life today. Are there not areas you need to adjust? Re-write your label today.

**HYMN: CALLED UNTO HOLINESS (CHS 60)**

1. “Called unto holiness”, Church of our God,

Purchase of Jesus, redeemed by His blood;

Called from the world and its idols to flee,

Called from the bondage of sin to be free.

*“Holiness unto the Lord,” is our watchword and song,*

*“Holiness unto the Lord,” as we’re marching along:*

*Sing…it, shout it, loud… and long,*

*“Holiness unto the Lord,” now and for ever.*

1. “Called unto holiness,” children of Light,

Walking with Jesus in garments of white;

Raiment unsullied, nor tarnished with sin,

God’s Holy Spirit abiding within.

1. “Called unto holiness”, praise His dear name,

This blessed secret to faith now made plain,

Not our own righteousness, but Christ within,

Living and reigning, and saving from sin.

1. “Called unto holiness,” glorious thought!

Up from the wildness wanderings brought,

Out from the shadows and darkness of night

Into the Canaan of perfect delight.

1. “Called unto holiness,” Bride of the Lamb,

Waiting the Bridegroom’s returning again;

Lift up your heads, for the day draweth near.

When in His beauty the king shall appear.