

EMBRACING YOUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST

I. Identity: A Basic Need in Life

- A. We all need identity.
- B. Identity is where you find meaning and direction for your life.

II. Identity: Where Do I Get One?

- A. You have to be able to relate aspects of yourself to some reference point outside yourself.
- B. God provides an absolute ruler to measure yourself against thus God's view of you is the true view.

III. Identity: Defined By God

- A. Ultimate identity is spiritual and is defined by God.
- B. There are only two identities available.

IV. Identity: In Christ

- A. You transfer from being "in Adam" to being "in Christ" by _____.
- B. Christ is _____.
- C. You are _____.

D. There are many new changes that come with this new life.

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| 1. A friend of Jesus | John 15:15 |
| 2. Chosen to bear fruit | John 15:16 |
| 3. Accepted in Christ | Romans 15:7 |
| 4. Redeemed | Ephesians 1:7 |
| 5. Forgiven | Ephesians 1:7 |
| 6. A citizen of Heaven | Philippians 3:20 |
| 7. Part of a royal priesthood | 1 Peter 2:9 |

V. Identity: Key Principles

A. Identity is always linked to birth.

B. Identity drives behavior.

C. Satan wants you to misidentify yourself.

1. Why?

2. How?

3. Examples

4. Solution