



IDENTITY:

Finding Hope in a World of Confusion

WHO ARE YOU?

- Legal name
- Identification numbers
- Ancestry & race
- Family history
- Culture/ethnicity
- Nation/citizenship
- Social class
- Geography
- Home & property
- Sex
- Sexual attraction
- Sexual activity
- Gender association
- Education
- Job skills
- Career
- Goals
- Music preferences
- Sports activities
- Sports loyalties
- Family religion
- Personal religion
- Body
- Disabilities
- Stores & brands
- Volunteerism/philanthropy
- Animals/pets
- Causes
- Creative endeavors
- Wealth
- Partner
- Children
- Personality
- Experiences
- Successes or failures
- Self-esteem
- Reputation

CULTURE

The World's View of Identity

1. I _____ me.
2. I _____ me.
3. I _____ me by looking _____.
4. I _____ me.
5. You _____ me.

Strengths of the world's view

The source of the world's view

A world in crisis

Weaknesses of the world's view

Does the world's view of identity align with

_____?

Does the world's view of identity support healthy

_____?

Does the world's view of identity give life real

_____?

Does the world's view of identity result in true

_____and _____?

- Identity has been _____

- Identity has been _____

- Identity has been _____
- Identity has been _____
- Identity has been _____
- The human heart has been _____

Does the world's view of identity give us any clarity about
_____?

Does the world's view of identity encourage
_____?

Does the world's view of identity result in
_____?

Does the world's view of identity allow us to reach our full

_____?

CREATION

Does creation provide a view of identity that aligns with reality?

Does creation provide a view of identity that supports healthy relationships?

Does creation provide a view of identity that gives life real meaning?

Does creation provide a view of identity that results in true freedom and authenticity?

Does creation provide a view of identity that gives clarity about morality?

Does creation provide a view of identity that encourages responsibility?

Does creation provide a view of identity that results in peace?

Does creation provide a view of identity that allow us to reach our full potential?

CRISIS

NEW CREATION

Becoming a new creation in Christ re-anchors our identity in reality.

Becoming a new creation in Christ provides the foundation for healthy relationships.

Becoming a new creation in Christ gives life real meaning.

Becoming a new creation in Christ results in true freedom and authenticity.

Becoming a new creation in Christ provides moral clarity.

Becoming a new creation in Christ encourages responsibility.

Becoming a new creation in Christ gives peace.

Becoming a new creation in Christ allows us to reach our full potential.

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Websites:

- <https://americanreformer.org/2022/02/stop-finding-your-identity-in-christ/>
- <https://www.desiringgod.org/topics/identity-in-christ>
- <https://seminary.bju.edu/core-archives/2023-resources/>

- <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/topics/identity/>

Books:

- Biblical Critical Theory: How the Bible's Unfolding Story Makes Sense of Modern Life and Culture, by Christopher Watkin
- How to Find Yourself: Why Looking Inward Is Not the Answer, by Brian Rosner
- ID: Who Am I in Christ?, by Natalie Durso
- Identity Theft: Reclaiming the Truth of Our Identity in Christ, by Melissa Kruger
- Known by God: A Biblical Theology of Personal Identity, by Brian Rosner
- Pride: Identity and the Worship of Self, by Matthew Roberts
- The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self, by Carl Trueman
- Strange New World, by Carl Trueman
- Who Am I? Identity in Christ, by Jerry Bridges
- You Are Not Your Own, by Alan Noble

Grace Bible Church sermons (findhope.net/sermons):

- "The Value of All of Our Work," April 2, 2023
- "Today Is Worth Living" January 2, 2022
- "Fellowship Because You Are in Christ" (an introduction to union with Christ) July 16, 2017

Songs:

- "I Am Not My Own" by Skye Peterson

- “My Worth Is Not in What I Own” by Keith & Kristyn Getty and Graham Kendrick
- “Chosen as His Children” by Paul Keew
- “All I Have Is Christ” by Jordan Kauflin
- “Before the Throne of God Above” by Charitie L. Bancroft
- “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” by Stuart Townend
- “Known and Loved” by Tiarne Tranter, Jaywan Maxwell, Fiona Aghajanian
- “I Will Glory in My Redeemer” by Steve and Vikki Cook
- “In Christ Alone” by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend
- “My Faith Has Found a Resting Place” by Eliza H. Hewitt
- “Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me” by Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren