

ID Please! Part 1 : Your identity – As God See's You Sunday November 28, 2010

All of search for identity "who am I?"

We either "live from" our identity or "live for" an identity we hope to have. When we live from our identity – we know who we are and we live out of that. When we live for an identity – we are trying to create something that we hope would become our identity.

What we do will tend to flow from who we perceive ourselves to be.

We tend to judges ourselves in light of what we perceive to be the way others judge us, in comparison to themselves.

Psychologists will tell us that there are many factors that affect identity formation : self, family, cultural, vocational, environmental, educational, social, spiritual, etc.

All of us have been through a time of being broken and marred in our identity. We've had people call us names, label us for our flaws, categorize us for our weaknesses, etc. These could have been our own parents, siblings, other family members, friends, peers, bosses, etc. Sometimes it is our own poor choices an actions that contribute to the breakdown of our identity. All of the negatives we have heard or been through – leave us with an identity that is broken, marred, confused.

We'll be doing a 3-part series titled: "ID Please"

This series of messages is a recap of our identity in Christ.

We have a publication "Who We are in Christ" – a thorough Bible Study outline that deal with this subject in depth. We encourage you to pick up a copy and review it during these next few weeks. Perhaps in 2011 we will come back to a more detailed look at this subject.

Key line: Who you are in Christ is who you really are.

2 Corinthians 5:17 1 Corinthians 1:30 Ephesians 2:10 1 Corinthians 6:17

Being in Christ gives us a new identity.

We became new in our spirit.

Your identity before God, your identity before the powers of darkness, and your identity in the world has changed.

Therefore how we see ourselves (self-image), the way we relate to God, the way we face challenges and difficulties in life, the way we live in the world, the way we relate to people, and



the way we face demons and demonic powers – must change. Must come out of our new identity in Christ.

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One of the big areas all of us struggle is what we think God thinks about us.

Ephesians 4:24 We are created in the likeness of God 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 2 Corinthians 5:21 1 Corinthians 1:30

Key line: I should not have a thought in my mind about me, that God will not have in his mind about me.

Therefore

(we may not be able to look at all the Scriptures – so quickly run through this list) We are accepted in the beloved Ephesians 1:4 We are covered by His love Ephesians 1:4 We are qualified Colossians 1:12 There is now no condemnation Romans 8:1 We call God, Abba Father Romans 8:15 We have boldness in God's presence Ephesians 3:12 Hebrews 10:19 We overcome the enemy Revelation 12:11 We reign in life Romans 5:17

This is not a license to go ahead and sin or be lax about living in purity.

What if I sin and do wrong?

1 John 1:7-9

The blood of Jesus does not cover sin, it cleanses sin. I am not a sinner, hiding behind the blood of Jesus hoping that God won't see me behind the blood. No! I have been cleansed - washed clean by the blood and given the righteousness of God – so I come boldly before the throne of God my Father.

Satan's job – as the Accuser of the brethren (Revelation 12:10) The biggest battle we fight is in the mind. Satan wants us to filled with guilt and condemnation. God wants us to live out of our new identity in Him.

[finger print – our new identity in Christ]

Key line: Your ID does not change. Prayer – cancellation of past identity

The more you reaffirm who you are in Christ, the more your behavior will begin to reflect your true identity!" (From Victory Over the Darkness , by Dr. Neil Anderson)

Sermon Notes





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