

Identity: "A New Life to Live"

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SUMMARY:

As Christ followers our identity is not achieved its received. Ephesians 2:8-9, The Message *"Saving is all his idea, and all his work. All we do is trust him enough to let him do it. It's God's gift from start to finish! 9 We don't play the major role. If we did, we'd probably go around bragging that we'd done the whole thing!"* For that reason, when we live from our identity in Christ we are able to love, serve, and give to others as Christ has given to us. Ultimately, our identity in Christ has everything to do with what God has done for us.

It's supernatural! Confident in who we are *in Christ* and with Jesus as our all sufficiency; we should then walk as new creatures in obedience and dependence on Him. Knowing who we are *in Christ* radically changes our everyday living.

NOTES:

DISCUSSION POINTS:

- ❖ Who does God say you are? Can you share that message?
- ❖ God provided our greatest need, salvation. Have you responded to that need?
- ❖ Identity for the Christ follower is radically centered on Jesus Christ. Where is your life centered? How do you define who you are?
- ❖ What ways has identity in Christ redefined your values, priorities, passions, and purpose in life?
- ❖ If our identity is based on anything other than Christ (profession, relationships, physical features, possessions, people's opinions) can we be easily shaken? Is there a time in your life where you were shaken? What was the foundation of your identity?

APPLICATION:

- ❖ Learn more about your identity in the Bible.
- ❖ Live out the knowing you learn.
- ❖ Share with others the message of salvation & how Jesus Christ redefined your life.

"Knowing we are in Him gives us the confidence to truly be ourselves and His Spirit shows us our specific gifts & how to use them in making Him known."

ON YOUR OWN...

Ephesians 1:1-23

2 Corinthians 5:17

Ephesians 5:1-2

John 15:15

Colossians 3:1-3

I Peter 2:9-10

Romans 8:37-39

Philippians 4:13

"Our "safe place" is not where we live, it is in whom we live." Tom White

The Voice of the Martyrs

"Moses spent forty years in the king's palace thinking that he was somebody; then he lived forty years in the wilderness finding out that without God he was a nobody; finally he spent forty more years discovering how a nobody with God can be somebody." Dwight L Moody