

I Am My Father's Son

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Introduction

- Fathers day (since 1909)
- What is our Identity and how do you get it?

Identity

Definition

- set of behavioral or personal characteristics by which an individual is recognized as a member of a group, family, tribe, culture, the world will try to shape it.
- eg. Hell's Angels members assimilate their values
- eg Old cultures I am Peter C son of Americo Cardarelli family defines us

I questioned who am I...

- I saw 2 views, Cardarelli clan limitations/son of God
- I pondered Who Am I? What do I stand for? a clash....who I was and who I am

Witness Protection Program when someone gives the state evidence

- they are given a new Identity
- its like your old identity ceases to exist
- new name, location, job, sometimes new look, new bank account, SI # etc
- The most important rule of the program is that witnesses must not make contact with people from their past or they will lose new identity and die
- you can embrace the new life or keep a foot in each camp and slip away
- results like Sodom and Gomorrah Lots wife looked back and died

Why is your identity so important?

- It defines who you are, your destiny, what you will do. Eg Jesus Christ
- The devil will try to take it away you new Identity
- Jesus was challenged on his Identity as the Son of God Mt 4:1-11
- Jesus overcome Satan's challenge
- Jesus' ministry started right after sticking to his guns on who he is
- Vital to grasp, take hold, receive of who you are since being born again

Assignment:

Discover the deeper reality: who and what we are.

- REVIEW SCRIPTURES of who and what we are In Christ/In Him etc (over 200)
- Assess the extent by which you have it and review in a year
- Meditate on areas you are weak
- Score each out of 10
- This helped me sort out deepen my identity in Christ

Focus on Our New Identity

- God's View of Who We are

Our New Identity

We are a New Creation and have a new Family

- 2 Cor 5:17
- Ephesians 3:14
 - I HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF MY IDENTITY IS IN GODS FAMILY!
 - What about my earthly family?
 - Italian bonds grow deep however....
 - Matthew 10:37
 - Math 19:29

- I still love my earthly parents, Fathers day is special for me because of my earthly Father.....
- Ephesians 6:1-3
 - We have a new Identity and Position in Heaven and on earth
 - We are called to be Sons of God
 - We are joint heirs with Christ
 - We are positioned with Him above all principalities and authority
- Romans 8:14, 8:17, 8:19, 9:6, Eph 1:19-22 ,Ephesians 1:19-22
 - Are you getting a sense of who you are and new position?

We need to know and experience what we are in Christ

- Gal.2:20 - "IN CHRIST" Key for rest of the scriptures.
- Rom.3:24 - JUSTIFIED –
 - Acquitted, pardoned, absolved, just as if I had never sinned Heb 8:12 and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more. I look back that's not me anymore,- Redeemed – freed, bought with a price, ransom has been paid
- Rom.8:1
 - To pronounce judgment against
 - To judge or declare to be unfit for use or consumption, usually by official order
 - No longer condemned: no judging guilty of wrong) I struggle with this one I condemn myself .
 - I need to meditate on this
- Rom.8:2 - I am called to be a life giving spirit
- Rom.8:39
 - Gods love in me. His goodness and love hit me
 - He reached down and carried me
 - Never turned his back on me
- Rom.12:5 – I am not alone, I am part of the Body of Christ.
 - There is power in numbers. I have support. I am a piece of a bigger puzzle, parts one of another [mutually dependent on one another]
- Rom.16:3 - Fellow workers in Christ Jesus
- Rom.16:10 - Noble, tested, examined ,discerned
- 1 Cor.1:2 - Sanctified: to those consecrated and purified and made holy in Christ Jesus, [who are] selected and called to be saints (God's people)
- 1Cor.1:30 - It is not mine but His (breast plate of righteousness)
- 1Cor.15:18 – Warning
- 2Cor.3:14
- 2Cor.2:14 – But thanks be to God, Who in Christ always leads us in triumph [as trophies of Christ's victory] and through us spreads and makes evident the fragrance of the knowledge of God everywhere
- Col 1:16 – For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.
 - consist, held together
- 2 Cor.5:19 - It was God [personally present] in Christ, reconciling and restoring the world to favor with Himself, not counting up and holding against [men] their trespasses [but cancelling them], and committing to us the message of reconciliation (of the restoration to favor).