



# identity

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### OVERVIEW

As a saint of Christ, we are set apart for holy use and that should be our primary identity. Often, our identity comes from what we do, what we have, and what we desire. These things should never define our identity because they are ever-changing. Then we are left to determine “who we are” once they are no longer a part of our lives. If we are in Christ, we are a new creation. This is our new identity!

Scripture (all scriptures are ESV): 1 Timothy 6:19; Ephesians 1:1; Romans 1:7; 1 Corinthians 1:2; 2 Corinthians 1:1; Philippians 1:1; Colossians 1:2; Revelation 5:8; Psalms 16:3; Colossians 1:15,19, Galatians 4:19; 2 Corinthians 5:17, Matthew 3:17; Matthew 4:3

### APPLICATION

- If you knew you could live forever, what kind of person would you like to be?
- Woody shared a story about being a young teen and having some older men tell him, “He wasn’t worth a damn.” His identity was shaped by those few words. Often our identity is formed from what we do, what we have, what we want, an unfortunate situation, a mistake, or something someone told us. Share an identity changing moment in your life.
- You always live “up to” or “down to” your identity. Identities aren’t discovered, they are given. God has set us apart as saints. How are you living “up to” or “down to” this truth?
- “Your actions flow from your identity.” How do your actions or thought patterns need to change, so that you can live in the identity that God called you into?
- HOMEWORK: “Target Fixation” means to give your attention to where you want to go. We need to fix our attention away from ungodly thoughts that are competing for our identity and turn our attention to the Creator and who He says we are. This week, renew your mind each day by reading Romans 6:1-11. The key to living a new life is embracing the new identity He gives you. Begin to trust in who God says you are!