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The Search For Identity
Who Are You? A Simple Question With A Simple Answer

In Reality Who We Are -- Is Far More That What Can Be Seen On The Outside
Our Meaning And Fulfillment As A Christian Is Based On The Understanding Of Who We Are

Who We Are Is All About Our Identity In Christ – We Are Children Of God
The Search For Identity

- We Must Overcome The World’s “Fuzzy Math” In The Search For Our Identity

- Fuzzy Math Doesn’t Quite Add Up

- “Often People Who Seem To Have It All Together On The Outside Are Far From Being Together Inside”
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Our World’s Fuzzy Math =

- Good Appearance + Admiration = Whole Person
- Star Performance + Accomplishments = Whole Person
- Status + Recognition = Whole Person
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- SOLOMON’s >>> Accomplishments:
  - Possessions
  - Power
  - Prestige
  - Status
- Don’t Add Up To Personal Wholeness
- The Only Identity Equation That Works Is:
  - You + Christ = Wholeness & Meaning
Many Believers Have Difficulty With Self-Worth

They Have Been Deceived By The Devil

Their True Identity In Christ Has Been Distorted By The Great Deceiver
To Understand Who We Really Are...

We Must Understand

The Identity We Have Inherited

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3. Belonging - Man had a sense of belonging (Gen. 2:18)
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Dominant Negative Emotions  

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3. Weakness and Helplessness = A Need of Strength and Self-Control!
The More We Know Who We Are In Christ.
The More We Will Grow Into Maturity

The More That We Grow In Maturity --
The Easier It Will Be To Know Who We Are In Christ

Jesus Christ Won Back For Us The Identity,
Which We Had Lost

We Have A Brand-New Identity In Christ