New Life Changes

April 15, 2015
The Search For Identity

- In Reality Who We Are Is Far More Than 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

Our World Thinks =

• Good Appearance + Admiration = Whole Person
• Star Performance + Accomplishments = Whole Person
• Status + Recognition = Whole Person

• The Only Identity Equation That Works In God's Kingdom. Is: You, + Christ = Wholeness And Meaning
The Search For Identity

• 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
The Search For Identity

- 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
New Life Changes

• Problem: Many Christians Identify Themselves Only With The First Adam

• When We Come To Christ We Receive His New Life In Exchange For Our Old One

• (Eph 2:6 NIV) And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus
New Life Changes

• New life means: Unending Dependence On God

• Jesus Was Completely And Totally Dependent On The Father.

• "I can do nothing on my own initiative."
New Life Changes

• **New Life means: Uninterrupted Spiritual Life**

• **We Can Enjoy Spiritual Life, Because Jesus Christ Held Onto His Spiritual Life All The Way To The Cross.**
New Life Changes

• What A Difference Christ's Difference Makes In Us

• (1 Cor 15:22 NIV) For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

• The Difference Between The First Adam And The Second Adam Is A Difference Between Life And Death For Us.
New Life Changes

• New Life Requires New Birth

• (John 3:3) "you must be born again"

• (John 3:36 NIV) Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him."
5 Facts About New Life

1. New *LIFE* Means We Are Reborn

• (John 3:3 NIV) In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."
5 Facts About New Life

• (John 3:4-6 NIV) "How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!" (5) Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. (6) Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

• To Be Born Again Is A Spiritual Birth
5 Facts About New Life

• Those **Born Again Are New Creations In Christ**
  • New Life
  • New Outlook
  • New Output
  • New Start
5 Facts About New Life

• When You Are Saved You Come To Life In The Spiritual Realm

• (Eph 2:1 NIV) As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins,

• (Eph 2:4-5 NIV) But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, (5) made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved.
5 Facts About New Life

2. New Life Means – We Are Redeemed
Redeem = “To Purchase”

- (Rev 5:9 NIV) And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation."
5 Facts About New Life

• Redeem = Removed From The Market Place

• (Gal 3:13 NIV) Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree."
5 Facts About New Life

- **Redeem = To Pay A Ransom**
- **(1 Pet 1:18-19 NIV)** For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, (19) but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.
5 Facts About New Life

3. New Life Means – We Are Justified

• Justified = Just-As-If-I’d Never Sinned

• Justified = Declared Righteous By God
5 Facts About New Life

• (Rom 5:1 NIV) Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

• We Are Justified Through Believing In The Finished Work Of Jesus Christ
5 Facts About New Life

• When We Believe In Christ We Are Given The Righteousness Of Christ

• (2 Cor 5:21 NIV) God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
5 Facts About New Life

• (Rom 3:21-24 NIV) But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. (22) This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, (23) for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (24) and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.
5 Facts About New Life

• When God Looks At Us
  • He Doesn’t See Our Righteousness
  • He Sees The Righteousness Of Christ
4. New Life Means – We Are Adopted

- (Romans 8:17 (NIV) "Now If We Are [God's] Children, Then We Are Heirs--Heirs Of God And Co-heirs With Christ"

- Adoption = Made A Legal Member Of Another Family
5 Facts About New Life

• (Eph 1:3-6 NIV) Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. (4) For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love (5) he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— (6) to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.
5 Facts About New Life

ADOPTION:

• Not Based On Feelings
• Not Based On Emotions
• Based On Facts
• Based On The Word Of God
• Adoption Means We Have An Eternal Place In The Family Of God
5 Facts About New Life

5. When We Receive New Life – We Are United With Christ

• United Means
  • To Be One
  • To Come Together In Unity

• When We Are United With Christ:
  • His Position, Power, Wealth, Life, Hope & Future Become Ours
5 Facts About New Life

To Be United With Christ Means That:

• We Are **Crucified** With Him – Gal 2:20
• We **Died** With Him – Col 2:20
• We Are **Buried** With Him – Rom 6:4
• We Are **Made Alive** With Him – Eph 2:5
• We Are **Raised** With Him – Eph 2:5
• We Will **Suffer** With Him – Rom 8:17
• We Are **Glorified** With Him – Rom 8:17
• We Are **Joint Heirs** With Him – Rom 8:17