

Series: Too Messy – “As Yourself”

Sermon: Two Gods

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1. Name some movies that have been about God. How was God portrayed?
2. Read Exodus 24:9-11; 32:1-5. People were so connected to God and then they quickly drifted to something that was a cheap substitute. How did this happen?
3. In this series, “As Yourself”, we have talked about 2 paths, Pleasing God and Trusting God, and two Rooms, “Room of Good Intentions and the Room of Grace”.
 - A. Have you ever been on the path to Pleasing God that led to the Room of Good Intentions? What was your experience?
 - B. Have you ever been on the path to Trusting God that led to the Room of Grace? What was your experience?
 - C. Do you believe that whichever room you are in shapes your view of God?
 - D. How do thing your view of God is shaped in each room?
4. Read Ephesians 3:18-19. What is Paul praying for in a believer’s life? What could happen in a Jesus follower’s life if this prayer became a reality?
5. Shame and guilt are feelings. What is the difference in the two? Read 2 Corinthians 7:10. What does this verse have to say about the above feelings?
6. Read Ephesians 1:11-15. Paul talks about our union with Christ and what results from being “in Christ”. List what we have by being “in Christ”.
7. Because we are “in Christ” we have a new identity. You are identified as a **Saint** and a **Child of God**. Which one is most difficult for you to believe?
8. As a child of God, you have a position in God’s family and God desires that you make progress by maturing and becoming like Christ. Is there a difference between your position and the progress that God desires?
9. Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-20. In light of Jesus command to “Love your neighbor **as yourself**”, what do these verses say to you?

Challenge your group to read a different section each day from “Who I am in Christ?” for 30 days:

WHO I AM IN CHRIST

I Am Accepted

John 1:12 — I am God’s child.

John 15:15 — I am Christ’s friend.

Romans 5:1 — I have been justified.

1 Corinthians 6:17 — I am united with the Lord, and I am one spirit with Him.

1 Corinthians 6:19,20 — I have been bought with a price. I belong to God.

1 Corinthians 12:27 — I am a member of Christ’s body.

Ephesians 1:1 — I am a saint.

Ephesians 1:5 — I have been adopted as God’s child.

Ephesians 2:18 — I have direct access to God through the Holy Spirit.

Colossians 1:14 — I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins.

Colossians 2:10 — I am complete in Christ.

I Am Secure

Romans 8:1,2 — I am free forever from condemnation.

Romans 8:28 — I am assured that all things work together for good.

Romans 8:31 — I am free from any condemning charges against me.

Romans 8:35 — I cannot be separated from the love of God.

2 Corinthians 1:21,22 — I have been established, anointed, and sealed by God.

Colossians 3:3 — I am hidden with Christ in God.

Philippians 1:6 — I am confident that the good work that God has begun in me will be perfected.

Philippians 3:20 — I am a citizen of heaven.

2 Timothy 1:7 — I have not been given a spirit of fear but of power, love, and a sound mind.

Hebrews 4:16 — I can find grace and mercy in time of need.

1 John 5:18 — I am born of God, and the evil one cannot touch me.

I Am Significant

Matthew 5:13,14 — I am the salt and light of the earth.

John 15:1,5 — I am a branch of the true vine, a channel of His life.

John 15:16 — I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit.

Acts 1:8 — I am a personal witness of Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:16 — I am God’s temple.

2 Corinthians 5:17 — I am a minister of reconciliation for God.

2 Corinthians 6:1 — I am God’s co-worker (1 Corinthians 3:9).

Ephesians 2:6 — I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realm.

Ephesians 2:10 — I am God’s workmanship.

Ephesians 3:12 — I may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Philippians 4:13 — I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

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