

WHAT SHAPES YOUR IDENTITY?

April 15, 2018 - John 21:15-19

Introduction

Key question: What is your _____ ?

Warnings today that your personal identity is being _____

What does it mean for you and me to be “ _____ Christ”?

Physical and Spiritual Identity

- Physical: height, weight, age, name & _____
- Spiritual: as a follower of Jesus, I am a _____ of God, and I am SO MUCH MORE!

Who do you _____ you are???

- My identity is connected to my self-_____.
- We need to see ourselves as _____ sees us. (Rom. 12:3)
- How did _____ see himself? What was his identity?

What factors contributed to Peter's identity?

- At first meeting, Jesus _____ him “Peter”. (“the rock”)
- Peter confessed “I am a _____ man.” (Luke 5:8)
- Peter declared “You are the _____.” (Matt. 16:16)
- When Peter rejected the thought of Jesus’ suffering, our Lord said “Get behind Me, _____.” (Matt. 16:23)

What factors contributed to Peter's identity? (continued)

- Peter boasted “I will _____ disown you.” (Mark 14:31)
- Peter was an “all or _____” kind of guy.
- Peter made great claims, sometimes _____ to live up.

Peter's identity crisis: After boldly claiming that he would never disown Jesus, Peter made the ultimate _____ 3 times.

- Peter was convinced Jesus would always be _____ of him and his life as a follower was over!

After Jesus' Resurrection --- Peter understood his TRUE identity

- Angel said “But go, tell His disciples _____ Peter.”
- Jesus’ purpose in John 21: total _____
- Jesus reassured Peter of His _____ for him!
- Peter began to understand his **true** _____. (Acts 2-4)
 1. A **bold witness** for Jesus Christ. (Acts 2)
 2. A man willing to **lay down his life** for Jesus. (Acts 3)
 3. A man who had **been with Jesus**. (Acts 4:13)

Peter's true identity: A follower of Jesus who _____ Him, lived for Him, and served Him in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Conclusion: IF I am a follower of Jesus, THEN _____ true identity is the SAME as Peter's true identity.

Next Sunday: Satan's three identity lies he wants us to believe.