

# **Your Identity in Christ**

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**Big change!** Peter's identity before & \_\_\_\_\_ the resurrection!

*"If you only understood who you are in Christ, if you only believed what God believes about you, it would \_\_\_\_\_ your life."*

- Rob Reimer, Soul Care

**Our true identity** is who we are \_\_\_\_\_ in our Father's eyes. (see Ephesians 1:1, 4, 5, 7, 13)

The "in Christ" declarations (Eph. 1) are \_\_\_\_\_ of every man, woman, and young person who has ever trusted Jesus.

## **WHY are we not sure of our identity in Christ?**

- We don't spend time daily in God's \_\_\_\_\_
- We have believed the devil's \_\_\_\_\_
- Jesus called the devil the "\_\_\_\_\_ of lies" (Jn.8:44)

## **The impact of ONE LIE on identity and self-worth**

- **Worldview #1** is based on the \_\_\_\_\_ of Genesis 1 – 3.
  1. God created each of us with a purpose.
  2. Therefore, I have inherent worth & I matter to God.
- **Worldview #2** is based on the \_\_\_\_\_ of evolution.
  1. I am a purposeless cosmic accident with no purpose.

We must **build our lives** on God's \_\_\_\_\_ truth!

## **Three Core Identity Lies which Satan Promotes**

We must **REPLACE** Satan's lies with God's **TRUTH** !!!

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ **LIE** – you are valued, loved, and accepted if you do things well, but if you don't perform well, you then you feel judged, condemned, and shamed.

\***TRUTH**: God chose/adopted us because of His \_\_\_\_\_ and grace. My performance has **nothing** to do with it! (Eph. 1)

2. The People-\_\_\_\_\_ **LIE** – my worth & value are dependent on whether certain people love me or like me.

\***TRUTH**: God sees worth and value in me \_\_\_\_\_ of whether people love me or not. (Romans 5:8)

3. The **LIE** of \_\_\_\_\_

\*My value based on controlling \_\_\_\_\_ around me.

\*My value based on controlling \_\_\_\_\_.

\***TRUTH**: The God who loves me is the \_\_\_\_\_ one with ultimate control. (Matthew 28:18)

**Ultimate truth statement** which sets us free from performance, pleasing people, and trying to be in control.....

**Your value was settled once for all at the**

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*"God doesn't love us because of who we are or what we do. God loves us because of \_\_\_\_\_ He is and what He has \_\_\_\_\_."*

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