**Edward Christian Church Identity: *Who Are You?* July 26, 2016 pt5**

**What** is your **real identity**? What **is** an **identity**? **Is** **identity** something you are **born** with? Is it **changeable** or **never** able to **change**?

**The Root Cause of Identity Struggles**

**Nonbelievers** experience **lack** of **fulfillment** because of their **choice** to **remain** in **Adam's** family... **seeking** to meet their own **needs** and living out of their own **resources**. **Believers** may be **unfulfilled** because they lack **understanding** that their **identity** is **now** in the person of **Christ**. They **still** seek to **serve** God and **meet** their **own** needs out of their **own** resources.

**Wrong Belief:**

My **identity** is found in the significant **roles/ relationships** in my life. I will be **fulfilled** when I am **seen** as having an **image of success**

**Right Belief:**

I am **fulfilled** as my life **reflects** the **image** of God by **allowing Christ** to live **in** me and **through** me. My **identity** is found **not** in **earthly** roles or relationships, but is **found** in **Christ**.

*"For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority."* -**Colossians 2:9-10**

**Steps to Solution**

*"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."* -**Galatians 2:20**

**Adam** made the **choice** not to **obey** God. Therefore, **all** his descendants **inherited** a **nature** that is **independent** of **God** and seeks to **please** itself. Because God has made it **possible** for us to be His **children**... we are given a **new nature** that is **submissive** to **God** and **seeks** to **please** Him.

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**Your New Family Inheritance (Eph 5:8-17)**

* ***You have*** moved from darkness to **light** **(8)**

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* ***You reflect*** God's goodness, righteousness and **truth** **(9)**

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* ***You desire*** to please God **(10)**

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* ***You expose*** evil and **ungodliness** **(11)**

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* ***You are blessed*** with **wisdom** **(15)**

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* ***You make*** the most of **opportunities (16)**

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* ***You seek*** to know God's **will (17)**

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