**Edward Christian Church Identity: *Who Are You?* Sept. 6, 2016 pt7a**

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

 **Seven Days to Claiming Your Identity in Christ**

In order for Christians to **walk in victory**, we need to **identify** the lies we **believe** about **ourselves/ exchange** them for the **truth** about who we really are in Christ. The following are seven **lies** we tell ourselves followed by seven **truths** from **God's Word**. For lasting **change**, we must cast aside the lies /rely on **Gods’ Truth.**

*"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."* -

 **Romans 12:2**

**Look** at **one** of the **lies** each **day**. **Ask** yourself, ***Am I believing this lie?*** Then **look** up **Scriptures** for that day and **write** them down. **Read them aloud**, and **thank God** that His Word **confirms** the **truth** about you—*whether you feel like it or not.* If you repeat this each time, you will begin to **see yourself through God's eyes.**

**Day One... My New** Family

* **Lie:**

*"I can't feel valuable unless I'm loved and accepted by my family and the significant people in my life."*

* **Truth:**

**I have God-given value because I have been placed into a** new family**where I am** unconditionally **loved and** accepted **by God**.

* **I am** Chosen **by God**- *"****He chose*** *us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight." -***Eph 1:4**
* **I am** Adopted **by God**-*"In love he predestined us to be* ***adopted*** *as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will." -***Eph 1:4-5**
* **I am a** Child **of God**.- *"To all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become* ***children of God****." -***John 1:12**
* **I am Born** Again**.-** *"You have been* ***born again,*** *not of perishable seed, but..imperishable. through the living/ enduring word of God." -***1 Peter 1:23**

**Day Two... My New** Characteristics

* **Lie:**

 *"I'll* ***never feel valuable*** *because this is* ***just the way*** *I am. I* ***cannot change****."*

* **Truth:**

 **I have God-given value because God has changed me on the inside -given me** new characteristics**.**

* **I am a New** Creation

*"If anyone is in Christ, he is a* ***new creation;*** *the old has gone, the new has come!" -***2 Cor 5:17**

* **I have a New** Nature

*"In him you were also circumcised, in the* ***putting off of the sinful nature,*** *not with a circumcision done by the hands of men but with the circumcision done by Christ." -***Col 2:11**

* **I have a New** Heart

*"I will give you a* ***new heart****/..new spirit in you; ..remove..heart of stone/ ..heart of flesh." -***Ezk 36:26**

* **I have a New** Spirit

*"I will put* ***my Spirit*** *in you/ move you to follow my decrees/ be careful to keep my laws." -***Ezk 36:27**

* **I have a New** Mind

*“…But we understand these things, for we have the* ***mind of Christ****”* *-***1 Cor 2:16** NLT

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