Edward Christian Church

Identity: Who Are You?

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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

o Lie

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

o Truth:

I have God-given value because I have been placed into a <u>new family</u> where I am <u>unconditionally</u> 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

o Lie:

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

o 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 ha	ave the mind of Christ" -1 Cor 2:16 NLT
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