

Series: "MESSED UP CHURCH"
Part 2: "AN IDENTITY CRISIS"
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Ephesians 1:3-8 (NIV)

Your Identity in Christ:

- You are blessed (v.3)
- You are chosen (v.4)
- You are holy and blameless (v.4)
- You are loved and adopted (v.5)
- You are redeemed and forgiven (v.7-8)

3 Reasons an Identity Crisis Messes Us Up:

1. If you forget who you _____, you'll forget how to _____

- To walk with Christ, we are called to:
 - Walk in unity (4:1-16)
 - Walk in purity (4:17-32)
 - Walk in love (5:1-6)
 - Walk in the light (5:7-14)
 - Walk carefully (5:15-17)
 - Walk in harmony (5:18-6:9)
 - Walk in victory (6:10-24)

2. A _____ identity always leads to _____

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Ephesians 1:3-8 (NIV), emphasis added

¹¹ In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. ¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

Ephesians 1:11-13 (NIV)

3. A _____ identity is rooted in _____

➤ **The solution to our identity crisis is not thinking _____ or _____ of ourselves, but thinking of ourselves _____**

³ I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. ⁴ My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me.

1 Corinthians 4:3-4 (NIV)

Additional Resources:

- "When People are Big, and God is Small" by Edward T. Welch
- "The Freedom of Self-Forgetfulness" by Timothy Keller