

THE KINGS ROYAL SUBJECTS

"Who Are You?"

Galatians 2:20

INTRODUCTION:

1. SCAM CALLS

a) The purpose of a scam call is to deceive and manipulate individuals into providing money or sensitive personal information that can be used for financial gain or IDENTITY THEFT.

2. Your identity has great commercial value not only to you, but to someone else who might try to steal it, and use your name and credit line to run up a stack of bills for YOU to pay!!!!

3. **NOW WATCH THIS:** *Some Christians change their own identity in an attempt to make themselves acceptable to a certain group of people.*

4. In our culture, a major portion of commerce is geared toward helping people look, feel, and act like somebody other than who they really are.

THREE IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF OUR TRUE IDENTITY

I. WHERE OUR IDENTITY BEGINS

- **VERY IMPORTANT:** *It all begins the moment we received Christ as our Personal Savior.*
 - a) At the moment of our Salvation, God put a NEW NATURE deep within our being.
- When we got saved, we were BORN AGAIN (Regenerated).
 - a) THAT THEN BECOMES YOUR REFERENCE POINT of our NEW IDENTITY.
- *Galatians 2:20.*
- **LISTEN UP:** If you can get a handle on what the Bible teaches in that verse, you will grow as a disciple because your IDENTITY is KEY to your SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

A. SOMETHING RADICAL HAPPENS

1. Vs 20

a) *"I have been crucified with Christ"*

2. Put your name there!!!

a) "_____ has been Crucified with Christ."

3. Being "***Crucified with Christ***" forms the foundation of our IDENTITY.

4. **AND THROUGH HIS RESURRECTION** and our **COMING TO TRUST HIM** as our **PERSONAL SAVIOR**, HE gives us **ETERNAL LIFE**.

5. **ROMANS 6**

a) Vs 2

1) "*How can we who died to sin still live in it?*"

6. **Romans 6:3-4**

B. RECOGNIZING OUR DEATH TO SIN

1. Another **KEY COMPONENT** in **KINGDOM DISCIPLESHIP** and our **IDENTITY** with Christ is recognizing our death to sin!!!

a) That means we died to our old way of life.

b) Sin does not need to rule our lives.

c) **SIN NO LONGER DEFINES ME.**

2. Our problem with sin is now a **PROBLEM WITH THE FLESH**, which is the house we live in, not the **ESSENCE OF WHO WE ARE**.

3. **HOW DO I KNOW WHAT SIN IS??**

4. **Romans 5:12**

5. **John 16:17-11**

6. **Colossians 3:5-9**

7. The reason so many Christians aren't growing is because they don't know that the "**Old Self**" is **DEAD!!!**

8. **Romans 6:5-6**

II. OUR UNION WITH CHRIST

A. OUR UNION WITH CHRIST IS SPIRITUAL

1. Even though Jesus' death on the Cross was Physical, the death we died in **UNION** with Christ was **SPIRITUAL**.

2. **LISTEN UP:** Our Spiritual death was just as real.

3. **2 Corinthians 5:17**

4. As the **KING'S ROYAL SUBJECTS**, we are literally "**DEAD MEN WALKING**".

B. COUNT IT TO BE TRUE

1. **Romans 6:11**

a) "**consider yourselves dead to sin**"

1) "**consider**" - is an accounting term which means to "**calculate**".

2) Consider means to add up all the figures and arrive @ a conclusion.

b) "**consider yourselves.....and alive to God in Christ Jesus.**"

c) "**consider**" - in the KJV is "**reckon**"

1) Means to put together with one's mind, to count, to occupy oneself with reckonings or calculations.

2. **FACT:** "We died with Christ" and just as Jesus arose to new life, as followers of Christ, we have been resurrected with Jesus to begin a new way of life.

3. **Romans 6:3-4**

C. DEFINING WHO WE ARE

1. We are not just sinners saved by Grace!!!

2. A born again Christian **should not say:**

a) "**I am a liar. Saved by Grace**"

b) "**I am an alcoholic saved by Grace**"

c) "**I am a thief saved by Grace**"

3. Here's what we **should say:**

a) "**I am a Born-Again Christian who struggles with the sin of Not telling the truth.**"

b) "**I am a born-again Christian who struggles with alcohol**"

4. **WOW!!!** Knowing who you are in Christ completely changes things.

5. Now this blows me away!!!

a) **1 Corinthians 2:16**

6. We have the **MIND OF CHRIST**

- a) We have new emotions.
- b) We have new desires.
- c) We have new attitudes.
- d) We are new Creatures in Christ.

III. WE ARE SEATED IN THE HEAVENS

1. **Ephesians 1:20**

2. And if our identity is tied to Christ, guess where we are?

a) **Ephesians 2:6**

3. **THAT IS A SPIRITUAL REALITY!!! That is a FACT.**

a) **THIS IS SO BIG YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT.**

1) **EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED TO CHRIST - Happened to US.**
WOW!!

4. **Galatians 2:20**

- a) Our identification with Christ is so complete that Paul could say,
1) **"It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me"**

5. **VERY IMPORTANT:** The most fundamental truth of the Christian life is that Jesus Christ takes up residence within us when we receive Him as Savior.

a) **Ephesians 1:13-14**

b) But Christ doesn't just want to "dwell" in you.

CONCLUSION:

1. The tragedy is that a lot of Christians *going to Heaven are not growing here on earth.*

- a) **OUR TRUE IDENTITY BEGINS AT SALVATION**
- b) **WE ARE UNIFIED WITH CHRIST**
- c) **WE ARE SEATED WITH CHRIST IN THE HEAVENS**

2. If Christ is living in us...and He is...He needs to have the run of the house.

3. **2 Corinthians 4:7,10**