

UN-OFFENDABLE Part 3: Identity Crisis

Objective: To encourage us to find our identity in Jesus.

“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Him.”

1 John 3:1

“...the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship”.

Romans 8:15

- Most of us find our source of identity in what we do (career, parent, etc.) or in a group we identify with (Republicans, Democrats, Christians, etc.). Why do you think it is so easy to find our sense of identity in these sorts of things/groups? If you're comfortable, share with your life group one of the sources of your identity.
- Have you ever found yourself being offended when a group or activity you associate with was attacked? Why or Why not?
- What do you think about the idea that God not only calls us his children, but actually adopts us as His sons and daughters? Is that easy for you to accept or do you find it hard to come to terms with.
- If we are truly adopted as God's children, how should that impact the way we live our lives day to day? How should that impact the way we see ourselves? How should that impact whether or not we get offended when someone attacks or simply disagrees with a group we are associate with?

Consider this week:

- If you are a follower of Jesus, God has adopted you as His child. How will you live this week to represent your father well?
- What expectations will you be set free from when you begin to find your identity in the fact that you are a child of God?

Final Thought: When you know who you are and when you know whose you are, you do not have to worry about the expectations others place on you. Only God's opinion of you matters.

