

“R2BR – Identified With Christ”

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- Self Identification - is how you see yourself or identifying yourself with someone or something else.
 - True or false self-identification
 - True - Identify self as who you really are
 - False – identify self as something different than you really are
- Cultural Challenge – to interact with people who see themselves as something different than their biological being
 - Sex
 - Age
 - Ethnicity
- Social Convincing
 - Natural for true identity
 - Unnatural for false identity
- Spiritual Challenge - to interact with people who see themselves as something different than their spiritual being
 - True or false self-identification
 - Acting – hypocrite – origin of the word – stage actor
 - Born again with a new identity
- Romans 5:12 (NLT2) When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam’s sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned.
 - Born with a nature of sin
 - Sin’s result in spiritual death and physical death
- John 3:3-6
- Baptized into Christ - 1 Corinthians 12:13
- Acts 11:26 ...(It was at Antioch that the believers were first called Christians.)
 - Christ’s ones
 - “-ian” - belonging to the party of...
 - A better term – followers of Christ
- Colossians 2:12-13
- Romans 6:3-11 – Identified with Jesus in baptism
 - Joined in his death
 - Joined in his burial
 - Joined in his resurrection
 - Sin loses its power in our lives
 - Set free from the power of sin
 - Our certainty – Jesus’ resurrection
 - Consider yourself – (self-identification) – dead to sin and alive to God
- True Identity
 - Not in the symbol of baptism
 - Symbol of marriage – wedding ring
 - Wearing a ring does not make you married
 - Taking a ring off does not make you unmarried
 - Baptism is your display of identification
 - Then, just as in marriage, it is not the ceremony or the symbol, but living it out
- True identity is the act of God as a result of the sincerity of your heart
 - Being baptized does not make you a Christian
 - Self-identifying as a Christian without being born again does not identify you with Christ
 - Be born again and be baptized (get married and wear the ring)
 - Live out your identity with Christ (fulfill the commitment of your marriage)
- Romans 6:12-14
 - Do not let sin control the way you live
 - Your body not an instrument of evil to serve sin
 - Give yourselves completely to God
 - Your body an instrument to do right to glorify God
 - Sin is not your master
 - Live under the freedom of God’s grace
 - Grace is not freedom to sin
 - Grace is freedom to not sin
- Social convincing of your identity – natural as people see you like Jesus