

Discovering Your Identity in Christ

Introduction

- **Series Context**
 - Welcome and Happy Father's Day!
 - We are in a series called "YOU ARE HERE" – a roadmap to following Christ.
 - Emphasis: Knowing where you are in your journey with the Lord. He doesn't want you to be _____. (confused)

Recap of Last Week

- **Salvation**
 - We all need a _____ and King Jesus is our Savior. (savior)
 - Jesus is not intimidated by how _____ we might be. (lost)
 - Our sin does not _____ Him. (scare)
 - Praise God that He is our _____. (rescuer)

Main Topic: Discovering Your Identity in Christ

- **Today's Topic**
 - One of the greatest joys in life is discovering who you _____. (are)
 - Because of Christ, you have a _____ and are _____. (purpose, valuable)

Key Points

1. You Are a Child of God

- **Spiritual Rebirth**
 - John 3:3 – "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are _____ again." (born)
- **Adoption and Heirship**
 - Romans 8:14-17 – "For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the _____ of God." (children)
 - "The Spirit you received brought about your _____ to sonship." (adoption)
 - "We are _____ of God and co-heirs with Christ." (heirs)
 - Emphasis: Being chosen and _____ by God. (adopted)

2. You Are a New Creation

- **Transformation in Christ**
 - 2 Corinthians 5:17 – "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The _____ has gone, the _____ is here!" (old, new)
- **Overcoming Past Identity**
 - Assurance: Salvation is based on Jesus' _____ work. (finished)
 - Encouragement: View oneself and others from God's _____. (perspective)

3. You Are Chosen for a Purpose

- **Chosen People**
 - 1 Peter 2:9 – "But you are a _____ people, a royal _____, a holy nation, God's special possession." (chosen, priesthood)
 - Explanation: Hand-picked by God for a special _____. (purpose)
- **Living for God's Glory**
 - Illustration: Building a wall with specific pieces _____ for their purpose. (chosen)
 - Emphasis: Bringing God _____ by living out His purpose. (glory)
 - Encouragement: Declare God's _____ and share the good news. (praises)

Declaration and Encouragement

- **Stand and Declare Together**
 - I am a _____ of God! (child)
 - I am a _____ creation! (new)
 - I am _____ by God! (chosen)
- **Encouragement to Seek God's Promises**
 - Motivation: Seek out God's _____ in Scripture. (promises)
 - Assurance: Standing on God's _____ will transform your life. (Word)

Conclusion

- **Final Exhortation**
 - Let God's words define your _____. (life)
 - Affirmation: God's sovereignty in defining your _____. (identity)

Prayer

- **Close with a Prayer**