

sermon discussion

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MAIN POINTS & KEY SCRIPTURES

Doesn't God hate homosexuals, bisexuals and the transgendered?

Leviticus 18:22

Deuteronomy 22:5

1 John 4:16

Matthew 5:17-18

Mark 7:20-23

Jesus and his apostles held the teaching of the Old Testament.

Holy Sexuality and the Gospel by Christopher Yuan

In Christianity everyone is the image of God.

Genesis 1:27

Proverbs 6:16-19

Luke 16:14-15

God rejects every identity we make because they are forged in sin.

Ephesians 2:1-10

Ephesians 2:1-3

God loves us, so he gives mercy and a new identity.

Ephesians 2:4-6

Ephesians 2:8-10

God accepts one identity: Christ's.

Galatians 3:27-28

Luke 9:23

1 Corinthians 10:13

Matthew 6:13

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Have you ever been told you look like someone else? Who?
2. What are some of the places people try to find their identity or define themselves?
3. **Read Genesis 1:26-27.** According to these verses where do we get our primary identity and why is this so important?
4. **Read Galatians 3:27-28.** How might this passage relate to Genesis 1:26-27? Is this teaching of Paul's something entirely new, or is it something that is in the Bible from the beginning?
5. **Read 1 Corinthians 6:9-11.** According to these verses, how does sin affect our identity and how does God restore our image after we've marred it via sin?
6. **Read Luke 9:23.** Part of following Christ means surrendering our identity to the Lord and defining ourselves first and foremost as a follower of Christ. Which identity do you struggle to surrender to Christ (your race, job, political party, socioeconomic position, etc.)?
7. Who in your life needs to know they are made in God's image and hear about God's love for them? *After answering, take some time as a group to pray for these people and ask God for opportunities to talk with them.*

GOING FURTHER

MEMORIZE: *There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.* **Galatians 3:28 ESV**

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LISTEN to why Christianity is the most compelling worldview in the podcast by Dr. Timothy Keller called *Questioning Christianity*. One of the episodes is on Identity and can be found here:

<https://qcpodcast.gospelinlife.com/e/identity/>.

READ a devotional book exploring our identity in Christ by Neil T Anderson, *Who I am in Christ*.

WATCH Ray Comfort for one way to witness to non-Christians using the 10 commandments:

<https://youtu.be/GSvGGkPQgh0>.