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Identity Theft

It is in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for.
Ephesians 1:11 (Msg)

- **In Christ is used <u>89</u> times in the New Testament**

- **In Him is used <u>79</u> times in the New Testament**

1. **In Christ, I am <u>CHOSEN</u>!**

   "... in Christ, He chose us before the world was made so that we would be His holy people—people without blame before Him." Ephesians 1:4 (NCV)

   "...You have been chosen by God Himself! ..." 1 Peter 2:9 (TLB)

   "God alone made it possible for you to be in Christ Jesus. He is the one who made us acceptable to God."
   1 Corinthians 1:30 (TLB)

2. **In Christ, I am <u>VALUED</u>!**

   "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago." Ephesians 2:10a (NLT)

   "God says, 'You are precious to Me.'" Isaiah 43:4 (TEV)

3. **In Christ, I have <u>PURPOSE</u>!**

   "In Christ Jesus, God made us to do good works, which God planned in advance for us to live our lives doing."
   Ephesians 2:10 b (NCV)

   [Jesus] "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20 (ESV)

Keep the conversation going…

1. What have you allowed to define your identity in the past?

   a. How has that definition shaped you?

   b. How has it impacted your walk with Christ?

2. How would you define what it means to live daily in Christ? Check out Colossians 3:17, 1 Corinthians 10:31-32 and Ephesians 5:15-20

3. What would others say you find your identity in?