Who Am I? "Identity"

Your identity is your <u>personhood.</u>
Who or what you believe you are as an **individual.** 

We all have a unique and special identity.

- genetic code (DNA)
- fingerprints (iPhone)

2 Corinthians 5:14-17 (KJV) \*\*\*Highlight "new creature"

Vs. 17 (NLT) - \*\*\*Highlight "new person" Vs.17 (AMP) - \*\*\*Highlight "new creation"

"Know no man after the flesh?" (That includes you!)

Identity with Adam.

"We need to know ourselves after Christ" (New creation)

Identity with Christ

All of us have suffered IN Adam from an identity crises.

Fallen identity
Imposed identity
Identity confusion
Stolen identity
Fake identity
Identity politics – segregates people

Identity politics – segregates people by group identity in order to gain an advantage politically.

## Identification

Your identity is shaped by your identifications. What or who we identify with effects our identity.

- Closely related to or associated with someone or thing.
- The same as by association
- To be considered as one and the same
- A close connection makes you similar
   Example: Martin Luther King (Civil rights)

Jesus - ? ... the church!

Jesus identified with our **humanity** that we might identify with His **deity**.

## [Three Major Dominant Identities]

We all have an identification with them. (Some managed, others overcome)

1. SHORT TERM = immediate family (<u>Parents and Siblings</u>)

Genetic identity
Physiological identity

2. LONG TERM = family of man (IN Adam)

Born into sin, death, condemnation
All negative identities within the family of man (traits)

- 3. NEW IDENTITY family of God (IN CHRIST)
  - a. Reborn into righteousness/life/justification
  - b. Nothing but positive identities within family of God (traits)

## **TAKE AWAY**

- 1. Your new identity is discovered in the Scriptures (Written word)
- 2. Your new identity is recovered in Jesus (Living word)