

**Know Yourself
Everyone Has a Story
Discover Church
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Self-Discovery

- **Self-Awareness**
- **Self-Acceptance**

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.” 1 Peter 2:9-10

“For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.” Romans 8:14

“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.” Luke 9:23

“Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.” Genesis 1:26-28

Know Yourself

1. God created you in His **image** and **likeness**

Image = Resemblance and appearance

Likeness = Similarity between the two being compared

2. God places a **high value** on you

“Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?” Matthew 6:26

“Diaphero” = to bear or to be valuable or excellent

3. God **made** you to **love** you

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

4. God formed you for a **unique purpose**

“Since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.” Colossians 3:9-10

5. God gives you **identity** in Christ Jesus

“As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” Matthew 3:16-17

- **Identity** – My Child
- **Affection** – Whom I love
- **Affirmation** – I am well pleased

“Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.” Matthew 10:38-39

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Scripture: 1 Peter 2:9-10; Romans 8:14; Luke 9:23; Genesis 1:26-28; Matthew 6:26; John 3:16; Colossians 3:9-10; Matthew 3:16-17; Matthew 10:38-39