

•21 Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. 22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; 24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. 25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does. Hebrews 1:21-25

•Theme parks create a feeling that's not real- but we have what's real and we are trying to fake something.

•Story of the actor and the preacher- I take what is fake and make it seem real. You take what is real and make it seem fake.

• **Welcome to the Funhouse!**

A Fun House is fun because reality, as we perceive it, is distorted..

•**Eventually all of us go through the Funhouse.**

•A time where reality is distorted.

•Identity Crisis!

Identity Theft

•People are losing their identity.

•Romans 1:25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie,

•Identity connected to the soul- Mind, Will, Emotions.

•Who you believe that you are will affect your soul....

~ Here's the BIG IDEA...

A LIE BELIEVED AS TRUTH WILL AFFECT YOU AS IF IT WERE TRUE.

THE LIE: YOUR IDENTITY IS BASED ON:

WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT YOU.

YOUR PAST EXPERIENCES.

•Jesus said that the devil is a liar.

•**What you need to know is that he is a GOOD liar.**

• **There is no such thing as a little lie.**

•**Hubble telescope- 7.9' mirror**

•**First pictures**

•Analysis of the flawed images showed that the cause of the problem was that the primary mirror had been ground to the wrong shape. Although it was probably the most precisely figured mirror ever made, with variations from the prescribed curve of only 10 nanometers, at the perimeter it was too flat by about 2,200 nanometers (2.2 micrometers). This difference was catastrophic

•**Fixed Pictures**

•Even slight distortions can change who you believe you are and how you live your life.

•18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord. 2 Corinthians 3:18

• **Get out of the Funhouse!**

Helmet of Salvation

•Ephesians 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation

•Isaiah 59:17 For He put on righteousness as a breastplate, And a helmet of salvation on His head;

•God is well aware of who He is.

•I don't find my identity in me, I find it in Christ.

•Isaiah scripture He wears the helmet. Ephesians He gives the helmet.

•**Put on Christ!**

Bengals Helmet

•*We've all seen a kid put on this helmet. Instantly he is transformed!*

•We always saw this helmet as a means of protection. But I believe God was saying this is a Helmet of Identity.

•When I put on the Helmet of Salvation, I am putting on the Identity of Christ!

•I'm not just a 6 year old anymore. I'm a 285lb. linebacker.

•I don't confront the enemy as ME. I confront him as Christ!!!

•This is the Helmet of **SALVATION**.

•You shouldn't have to get saved **EVERY** Sunday.

• **There should come a time when you get save... And stay saved!**

•Are you saved? Have you put on the Helmet of Salvation?

•**The Helmet of Salvation says HE's PERFECT!!!**

Foil Helmet

•The government is planting thoughts...

•Thoughts: Inadequacy. Past. Weakness. Fear.

• **They're not real but you believe it.**

•**A Fun House is fun because it distorts our view of reality.**

•When we are in a controlled environment, altering a view of reality is exciting.

•Everything in a funhouse is designed to distort or change your view and understanding of reality.

•**But when it's your life...**

THE LONGER WE VIEW OURSELVES THROUGH A DISTORTED LENS THE MORE LIKELY WE ARE TO BELIEVE A DISTORTED TRUTH.

•**What ever you put in front of this mirror is distorted!**

•*It's not real, but you believe it because that's how your mind perceives it.*

•**Once you're in the Funhouse it's hard to get out.**

•Easy to get in. Hard to get out.

•It's wasn't hard for you to get into this mess. But now you can't even begin to see a way out.

• **And when you try to get out it's you stopping you!**

• **Don't allow YOU to defeat you.**

•***Constantly confronting yourself**

•Constantly confronting a distorted view of yourself.

•**You take a step forward and there's the messed up you telling you to go back.**

•**There is a way out!**

•You've got to get past you!

If you are being confronted with a distorted view of you it's because the devil doesn't want you to find a way out.

•Our Identity is in Christ not ourselves.

WHAT IS THE TO-GO BOX??? bring them to a point of decision

 **What distorted view do you need to get past?**

 ***Are there any areas you have held yourself back?***

 ***Do you need to find your identity?***