

# Philadelphia Church

Finding Peace Through Finding our Identity

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## 2 Corinthians 6:18

And I will be your Father, and  
you will be my sons and  
daughters, says  
the LORD Almighty.

BC we were defined by:

- ◆ Education level
- ◆ Socioeconomic status
- ◆ Skin color or heritage
- ◆ Job or Career
- ◆ Birth order
- ◆ Family of origin

## James 1:22-25

But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. <sup>23</sup> For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. <sup>24</sup> You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. <sup>25</sup> But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

# Signs of spiritual identity theft

◆ Insecurity

◆ Fear

◆ Anxiety

◆ Lack of confidence

◆ Uncertainty

◆ Acting like a chameleon

# How the enemy steals our identity:

- ◇ Distraction
- ◇ Busyness
- ◇ Our past
- ◇ Rebellion
- ◇ Questioning God's character
- ◇ Instant gratification
- ◇ Attacks weaknesses
- ◇ Attacks Strength
- ◇ Half-truths
- ◇ Idols
- ◇ Comparison
- ◇ Difficulties

## Philippians 3:12

I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me.

# Finding our identity:

- ◆ Learn what it means to be in Christ
  - ◆ 1 John 3:1-2 See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! But the people who belong to this world don't recognize that we are God's children because they don't know him.<sup>2</sup> Dear friends, we are already God's children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is.



# Finding our identity:

## ◆ Renew our minds

◆ Romans 12:2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

# Finding our identity:

- ◆ Take captive every thought

- ◆ 2 Corinthians 10:5 We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ.

## Finding our identity:

- ◆ Stop comparing yourself to others
  - ◆ Ephesians 2:10 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.

When we find our identity in Christ:

- ◆ We no longer seek our desires
- ◆ We no longer Fear the Future
- ◆ We no longer seek other's approval
- ◆ We're no longer destroyed by testing and trials

## John 14:27

“I am leaving you with a gift—  
peace of mind and heart. And  
the peace I give is a gift the  
world cannot give. So don't be  
troubled or afraid.

## Quote

"When we put our problems in God's hands, He puts His peace in our hearts." -Anonymous

**KNOW**

**JESUS**

**KNOW**

**PEACE**



GRACE AND PEACE BE YOURS IN ABUNDANCE THROUGH THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD AND OF JESUS OUR LORD. - 2 PETER 1:2