

The Message Notes

Message: *Our New Identity in Christ*

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Text: **2 Corinthians 5:17.** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Objective: to teach we're **spiritual** beings with a **nature** made in the **image** of Christ (identity).

Review: Our Original Identity

Identity: a **set of characteristics** you use to **identify** yourself.

Genesis 1:27. So, **God** created **man** in His **own image**; in the **image** of God, He created him; **male** and **female** He created them.

1. Original Identity: We were created **spiritual beings** made after the **image** of God that possess a **soul**, which lives in a **body**, Genesis 1:27, 2:7.

P&P - Do I see my identity as being like God?

2. Fallen Identity: We're **born** with a **sin nature**.

Psalms 51:5. For I was **born a sinner**-yes, from the moment my mother **conceived** me. (NLT)

We're **dead** spiritually, and our **self-image** is exalted. Whatever we **imagine** and whatever our **fleshly appetites crave**, that is what we're **becoming**.

3. Crisis: The culture has **forsaken** God. **Reference:** Romans 1:23-24

The culture worships self. Your identity is whatever your **debased** soul can **imagine** and your fleshly appetites **desire**.

Fallen: Nature versus Nurture:

- Nature: inborn sin
- Nurture: self-exaltation
- Normalize: your authentic self is your identity. So, there is no need to repent for your behavior.

Cultural Identity Crisis:

- Who am I? I am my **authentic self**.
- What am I? Whatever I can **imagine**.

Teaching: *Our New Identity in Christ* – 2 Corinthians 5:17

1. According to our message, our **union** in Christ means whatever is _____ about Christ is _____ about you.

2. According to Romans 6:5, we are united with Christ in _____ and raised to _____ as he was (NLT).

3. According to Romans 8:29, we're predestined to conform to the image of Christ. Write out how you will apply that to your life:

4. How do we put to death our old life according to Colossians 3:10?

5. According to Luke 14:25-26, did you count the cost before you accepted the invitation to follow Christ? Explain:

6. Name three things you have forsaken to follow Christ:

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____

7. **Takeaway:** Write out your new identity in Christ: _____
