

Sunday, September 13, 2020

**New Sermon Series:
“Ephesians- Our True Identity”**

Title: *Check Your ID*

Text: Ephesians 1:1-2

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BIG IDEA: Unless Christ-followers know their **true identity in Christ**, their daily lives can become purposeless when measured against temporary things and ideas of this world.

If I am only willing to DO only those things for God that I feel like doing, I am sure to have **minimal impact** for eternity.

Being a Christian is less about cautiously avoiding sin than about courageously and actively serving God's purpose. ~ D. Bonhoffer

Paul uses three powerful words to describe the process of all believers becoming saints. A way to “check your spiritual ID”!

- 1) **In Christ:** describes the **means** by which our souls are transformed.
- 2) **Grace:** describes God's gift of applying His **forgiveness** to our **failures**.
- 3) **Faithful:** describes my purposeful **perseverance** in making Jesus my priority.

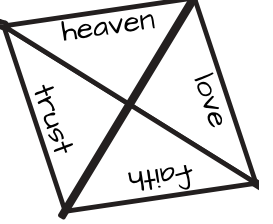
A true saint is a believer willing to exchange what the world values **around them** for the personal Lordship of Jesus Christ **within them**.

Personal Application – Study Questions:

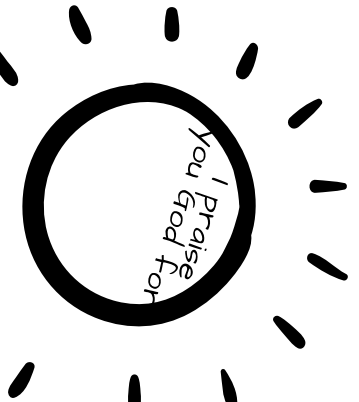
- List the most tempting secular identification that might matter too much to you. Now list a couple of joyful Christ-like identifications that gives you the most hope.
- Give a one-word description of your life before trusting Christ and then a similar description after trusting Christ. What would those words be?
- Consider the three words that Paul used to describe how we become saints: Christ, grace, faithful. Offer a prayer of praise that thanks God for each of these powerful works of His mercy.
- Think of one way that your sainthood through Christ can make a practical difference in your neighborhood or your friendships this next week.

SERMON NOTES FROM HOME

How many times did you hear these words:



One of today's worship songs:



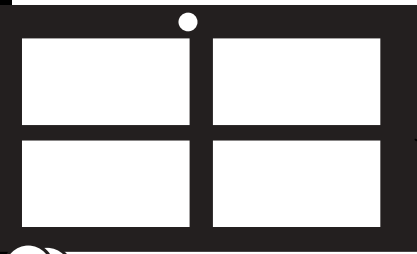
What room are you in?
 What are you sitting on?
 What do you like about worship at home?

Who is worshipping with you?

Draw you:

Pj's or dress clothes or comfy clothes??
 Are you snuggling with a blanket or a pet?

What does God want you to do?



Decorate your door:
 Something you want to ask God:

3 things you learned from today's message that will grow you closer to God!

Who do you miss?
 name

Today's Bible passage:
 book: chapter : verse

People you are praying for: 1

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