

6. Grace-Created Identity — Know Who You Are

“How we see ourselves directs how we live our faith walk.”

You've got to know your identity *Rom 5:19-6:2*

Believers get a new life with a **radical** new identity and are set free to live a radically new kind of life. You are not who you used to be. (*2 Cor. 5:14-17*)

Not knowing your identity enslaves you

Being enslaved to illiteracy of the Bible and poor teaching...results in having no idea what your new identity is and all the benefits that come with it.

Knowing your identity sets you free *Rom. 6:3-5*

From God's point of view, there are two kinds of people in the world—those “in Adam” and those “in Christ”. Who you are “in” determines your identity and your options for living.

World's Lies

- You are still a sinner because you sometimes sin.
- You get your identity from what you have done.
- You get your identity from what people say about you.
- Your behavior tells you what to believe about yourself.

God's Truth

- You are a saint who sometimes sins.
- You get your identity from what God has done for you.
- You get your identity from what God says about you.
- Your belief about yourself directs your behavior.

Romans 5:19-6:5 (NIV)

For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

20 The law was added so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, **21** so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? **2** By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? **3** Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? **4** We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

5 If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.

As a believer in Jesus Christ, you can assuredly say,

“I am in Christ, a child of God and one of God's saints, totally accepted and loved by Him.”