



Discipleship Essentials Pathway - Week 8 “Avoiding Identity Theft”

Discipleship Essentials Pathway: Identity

You are created by God, intentionally designed and made with a purpose: to bring Him glory. You are made in His image to reflect His nature and character to the world around you. You are infinitely valuable, and God loves you.

Psalm 139:14 (NIV)

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

Ephesians 1:1-8 (ESV)

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus: ² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight

Keys to Avoiding Identity Theft:

1. I am a saint who struggles with sin.

Ephesians 1:1 (ESV)

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus:

- Knowing your identity will always impact your activity.

2. I am unconditionally chosen by the King.

Ephesians 1:4 (ESV)

even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

3. I am adopted into the family.

II Corinthians 6:18 (NIV)

And, "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

John 1:12-13 (NIV)

Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

- The Father not only loves me; He likes me and delights over me.

Zephaniah 3:17 (NIV)

The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing."

4. I am redeemed.

Ephesians 1:7 (ESV)

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses

- Our identity is not defined by sin, shame, or past mistakes.