

YOU ARE IN CHRIST

SEMINAR 2020 / IDENTITY CRISIS / SESSION 2

“But now, after that ye...are known of God”

Galatians 4:9

1. The Root of the Problem

- a. Before answering “What is my identity?” there are other questions that must be answered first, primarily, WHERE does identity come from?
- b. Not knowing where to look, people consider the state of things around them
 - i. Family, Heritage, Country, Culture, Lifestyle
 - ii. But these won’t work for defining who you are – Gal 1:4, Rom 3:23
- c. WARNING: Without salvation first, identity in Christ is pointless, nonexistent.

2. The Image of God & The Image of Adam

- a. God created Adam in God’s image; it was good – Gen 5:1-2, Gen 1:26-27, 31
 - i. Righteousness, life, peace
- b. Adam sinned & created an image unlike God; it was bad – Gen 5:3, Rom 5:12
 - i. Sin, death, discord
- c. Your identity is determined by how God sees you – Gal 4:8-9
- d. God can restore humanity in his image, which is Christ – Col 1:12-15, 2Cor 4:3-4
- e. Only 2 options for identity: in Christ, or in Adam – Eph 2:11-13, 1Cor 15:21-22, 47-49

3. Identity = Standing Before God

- a. Identity in Christ flows from salvation – Rom 5:8-11, 5:17-19
- b. Saved people have stared the image of Adam in the face and don’t want it (that’s recognizing the need for salvation)
- c. Upon believing the gospel, God translates your standing from in Adam to in Christ
- d. Your identity changed because your standing changed
- e. Being in Christ is the foundational understanding from which any other way of thinking about yourself is built upon; it’s how you view yourself and operate in the world – Gal 3:28
- f. Identity not defined by your STATE of things, but your STANDING before God – Phi 4:11-13
- g. If your identity is found in the first man Adam, then an identity crisis is bound to happen – saved or not.
- h. But if your identity is found in the last man, Jesus Christ, then your identity is as sure as your salvation and that is freeing and powerful