

Who Do You Think You Are

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I. Self – image (Romans 12:2)

- A. Self-image is not who we really are, but we think we are
- B. Two type of self-image
 - 1. Acceptance of Others (which causes us to conform)
 - 2. Knowledge from the Word of God
- C. Self-image based on the Word of God creates Character.
 - 1. Character has to do with responsibility and how you respond to authority.
 - 2. Character is built as a result of learning to submit to God and His Word.
- D. Although we should not allow our identity to depend on others, we do need relationship in our life.
 - 1. We were not designed to make our life journey alone
 - 2. Relationships bring strength, encouragement and power

II. Your Hidden Potential (2 Corinthians 3:18)

- A. Transformed means to be changed from within. (Think of a butterfly).
- B. The Bible is like a magic mirror that reflects our potential
- C. To get our correct self-image we must look through the lens of the Word of God.

III. Aspects of our true identity (Ephesians 1:3-12)

- A. Our identity is in Christ (God looks at us through the lens of Christ)
- B. We are chosen (1 Peter 2:9)
 - 1. To be Holy (set apart for God; purpose driven)
 - 2. Without blame (because Jesus took our blame)
- C. We are predestined to adoption
 - 1. Not just friends of God, but children
 - 2. God did this because He wanted to
- D. We are Accepted in the Beloved
 - 1. When we accept Jesus as our Lord we become a part of the beloved (Colossians 2:9-10)
- E. We are Redeemed and Forgiven
 - 1. Redemption and forgiveness is our potential. Our decision to receive Jesus as Savior makes it a reality.
- F. God's Grace abounds toward us in wisdom and prudence
 - 1. Wisdom – The ability to apply knowledge
 - 2. Prudence – common sense
 - 3. God is always motivated by Grace
- G. God confides in us.
 - 1. Through the Bible God reveals the mystery of His Will.
- H. We are heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ

IV. What is God's purpose for us?

- A. That we should live to give Him Praise and bring Glory to Him.
 - 1. Our Mission is two-fold
 - a. To discover our identity
 - b. To live in a manner that brings Glory to God