Who Are We?

What do we do when we are asked to show our I.D.? We go directly to our wallet or purse and dig it out. An I.D. is our identity. It is who we are. Our I.D. is backed by the world’s authority. We need to keep it accurate and up to date. The I.D. we carry with us, be it a driver’s license or a birth certificate, represents how the world sees us.

Does God issue us an I.D.? Yes. We are adopted through Christ, clothed in Christ, one in Christ and we belong to Christ. This is how God sees us. Our identity in Christ is an essential part of our relationship with God. God wants us to know who we are and whose we are. This will make all the difference in the world.

So much of what God’s Word says about us goes against the grain. It rubs the world the wrong way and grates against our flesh. Often, our emotions point us to an I.D. contrary to the one God has so graciously bestowed upon us. This is why the gospel calls all of us to discipleship. We are called to discipline ourselves to accept God’s view of us. It takes discipline to say “yes” to God’s view of us when we don’t feel like it. It takes discipline to walk worthy of our calling when we stumble. God would say, “Pick yourself up. Dust yourself off. Check your I.D. This is how I see you and I want others to see it too.”

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**Galatians 3:26-29**

■ ADOPTED THROUGH CHRIST

 Romans 8:14-16

 Ephesians 2:8-9

■ CLOTHED WITH CHRIST

 Romans 6:3-5

■ ONE IN CHRIST

 John 17:21

■ BELONG TO CHRIST

 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

 Genesis 12:1-3

 Genesis 15:1-6

 Romans 4:18-25

 2 Corinthians 1:20-22