

PULPIT COMPANION

**AWAKE, SLEEPER:
REMEMBER WHO
YOU ARE**

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In this powerful message, we're called to wake up and embrace our true identity in Christ. The central theme revolves around Ephesians 5:1-14, urging us to be imitators of God and walk as children of light. We're reminded that we're not just in darkness, but we were once darkness itself - now transformed into light through Christ.

This transformation isn't just about knowing who we are, but living it out boldly. The message challenges us to unlearn the lies we've believed about ourselves and replace them with God's truth. It's a journey from misbelief to unbelief to embracing our God-given identity.

We're encouraged to stop measuring our worth by worldly standards and instead live from the place of already belonging to God. This shift in perspective can radically change how we pray, serve, and interact with the world around us. The message is a wake-up call for all of us to stop sleepwalking through life and start living out our true purpose in Christ.

SCRIPTURES FROM PULPIT AI

- Psalm 3:3-4
- Romans 10:17
- Ephesians 5:1-14 (main text)
- Matthew 5:48
- Romans 12:2
- Ephesians 2:10
- Mark 11:24





DEVOTIONAL

Day 1: Awakening to Your True Identity

Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Devotional: Today's passage reminds us of our true identity in Christ. Just as the sermon emphasized, we are not defined by our past, our mistakes, or what others say about us. We are God's beloved children, chosen and adopted into His family.

Take a moment to reflect on what it means to be "blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places" (v.3). How does knowing you are chosen, adopted, and redeemed by God change your perspective on your worth and purpose?

Today, consciously reject any lies about your identity and affirm the truth of who God says you are. Remember, you are not an imposter - you are intentionally created and placed by God for a purpose.

Day 2: Living as Children of Light

Reading: Ephesians 5:1-14

Devotional: Paul's call to "walk as children of light" (v.8) echoes the sermon's emphasis on living out our true identity in Christ. We are no longer darkness, but light in the Lord. This transformation should be evident in how we live.

Reflect on areas of your life where you might still be conforming to the patterns of this world rather than imitating God. Are there "fruitless deeds of darkness" (v.11) you need to expose and leave behind? Ask God to help you "find out what pleases the Lord" (v.10) and to give you the courage to live as light, even when it means standing out from the culture around you.





Day 3: Renewing Your Mind

Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Devotional: The sermon highlighted the need to unlearn false beliefs and renew our minds with God's truth. This passage calls us to be "transformed by the renewing of your mind" (v.2).

This is an ongoing process, not a one-time event. What thought patterns or beliefs do you need to surrender to God for transformation? Perhaps it's feelings of unworthiness, fear of failure, or a tendency to seek approval from others rather than God. Identify one area where you need renewal and spend time meditating on Scripture that counters that false belief.

Remember, this renewal enables us to "test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will" (v.2).

Day 4: Putting on the New Self

Reading: Colossians 3:1-17

Devotional: Just as an eagle must go through a painful molting process to soar again, we too must "put off" our old self and "put on" the new self in Christ.

This passage gives practical instructions on what this looks like. Which of the qualities listed in verses 12-14 do you find most challenging to "put on"? Perhaps it's compassion, humility, patience, or forgiveness. Ask God to help you grow in this area.

Remember, this transformation isn't about your own effort, but about allowing Christ's peace to rule in your heart (v.15) and letting His word dwell in you richly (v.16). How can you create more space in your life for God's word and presence?





Day 5: Living with Eternal Purpose

Reading: Esther 4:12-14

Devotional: The sermon referenced Esther's story and the idea that we are placed "for such a time as this." Like Esther, each of us has a unique purpose in God's plan.

Reflect on your current circumstances - your job, your relationships, your challenges. How might God be positioning you "for such a time as this"? Remember Mordecai's warning that if Esther remained silent, deliverance would arise from another place. God's purposes will be accomplished, but we have the privilege of participating in His work. What might "remaining silent" look like in your life? Where is God calling you to step out in faith? Ask God for the courage to embrace your calling, knowing that He has prepared and positioned you for this moment.





SMALL GROUP GUIDE: “Wake Up, Sleeper”

Opening Prayer:

Key Scripture: Ephesians 5:1-14

Main Points:

1. Live knowing that you already belong
2. Belief shapes becoming, but becoming requires unlearning
3. The painful process before soaring

Discussion Questions:

1. The pastor emphasized the importance of knowing our true identity in Christ. How would you describe your identity? Has your understanding of who you are in Christ changed over time?
2. The sermon mentioned "spiritual sleepiness" and distractions becoming a lifestyle. In what areas of your life do you feel you might be spiritually "asleep"?
3. Discuss the concept of "unlearning" negative beliefs or messages about yourself. What are some lies you've believed that you need to replace with God's truth?
4. The pastor used the analogy of an eagle's molting process. Have you experienced a season of painful growth or refinement in your spiritual life? What did you learn from it?
5. How can we as believers "wake up" and live out our true identity in Christ in a world that often promotes conformity?
6. The sermon touched on the idea of "imitating God." What does this look like in practical terms in your daily life?





Practical Applications:

1. Identity Exercise: Write down 3-5 truths about your identity in Christ from Scripture. Commit to meditating on these truths daily for the next week.
2. Unlearning Activity: Identify one negative belief about yourself. Find a scripture that counters this belief. Practice replacing the negative thought with God's truth whenever it arises.
3. Wake-up Call: Set a daily reminder on your phone with the message "Wake up, sleeper!" Use this as a prompt to pause and refocus on your identity and purpose in Christ.
4. Intentional Imitation: Choose one characteristic of God (e.g., love, forgiveness, generosity) to intentionally imitate this week. Share your experiences with the group next time.

Key Takeaways:

1. Our true identity is found in Christ, not in our performance or others' opinions.
2. We need to actively "unlearn" false beliefs and replace them with God's truth.
3. Spiritual growth often involves painful processes, but leads to renewal and strength.
4. God calls us to "wake up" from spiritual sleepiness and live out our true identity.
5. As believers, we are called to imitate God and reflect His character to the world.

Closing Prayer:

Encourage group members to continue reflecting on the sermon's message throughout the week and to support one another in "waking up" to their true identity in Christ.

