

In Christ Realities

Session 1: Importance of Identity?

1 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

Merriam Webster defines identity as the distinguishing character or personality of an individual.

Proverbs 23:7 "For as he thinks in his heart, so is he. "Eat and drink!" he says to you, But his heart is not with you."

God gave man identity right from the start.

Genesis 1:26-28

Then that identity was lost.

Genesis 2:17

Ephesians 2:1-5

This loss of Identity is the source of all problems:

- Sexual Identity - homosexuality, transgenderism, promiscuity
- Intellectual identity - atheism, evolution
- Relational identity - physical, emotional, mental abuse; dysfunctional families
- Spiritual identity - religion, legalism, superstitions, fatalism

Identity reveals and produces purpose and when you don't know the purpose of something you will abuse it or lose its benefit.

In order for something to be able to fulfill it's purpose it starts with identifying what IT is.

Numbers 13:1-2,17-21, 26-33

1 Samuel 17

1 Peter 1:23 "having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,"

Ephesians 2:10 "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."