



BIG QUESTIONS

STUDY 3 “How can I find my identity?”

How would you explain the process of finding your identity? What does it mean?

Where are some places people try to find their identity?

INTRODUCTION

Your identity is shaped by what you love the most. If you're a Christian then you're a totally new person in Jesus Christ. He is your life, your identity, your all. But there is also a big danger – trying to your identity in other places, or put another way, being who you're not. That is, live your life with your identity being wrapped up in something other than Jesus. The solution is to keep letting God's word remind you who you are in Jesus and shape you into who you are becoming in Jesus.

KEY PASSAGES

Read Colossians 3:1-4

1. What are the reasons Paul gives in verses 3 and 4 for Christians setting their minds and hearts on things above (God's realm) and not earthly things?
2. What does it mean that Christians have “died” and their lives are hidden with Christ in God?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

3. What does Paul mean that “we now regard no one from a worldly point of view”? How does the Christian have a new view, a new way of seeing all people?
4. How would you describe the way a Christian is a “new creation”?
5. What does Paul say in verses 18-21 about the Christian's new creation life? What are we called to do?

APPLICATION – How does it change us?

6. How would you answer a Christian who says “I just don't know who I am anymore”?
7. What are some ways we can grow in Christ: (to have strong and clear identity in Him)
 - *When we feel like God isn't enough*
 - *When our kids question who they are*
 - *When life feels like we're just juggling Jesus with all the other balls*

Some additional resources for those wanting to dig deeper:

<https://www.desiringgod.org/topics/identity-in-christ#>

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/essay/union-with-christ/>

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/become-who-you-already-are>

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/lenses-identity/>