

a New IDENTITY

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DISCUSS

When we do not know our identity, we are bound to act incompatibly with who we are, which is reflected in our behavior, perspectives, relationships, and in our everyday lives. When we do not know who we are in Christ we tend to adopt the way of living promoted by the world. Read Ephesians 2:11-22 and discuss the following principles on how to live out your new identity in Christ.

Remember where you came from so that you can appreciate what God has done in your life (v. 11-13).

- What did Paul tell the Gentile believers they are to do?
- How did Paul describe their former condition before they met Christ?
- Describe your life before you came to know the Lord. Share how you came to know the Lord and how your life has changed since then.

Understand Christ's sacrifice on the cross so that you can enjoy the privileges we now have because of Him (v. 14-18).

- What does it mean to be reconciled with God through Christ? How does this affect our relationship with God and with other believers?
- Paul used the example of worship in the temple to illustrate our privilege of having access to God through Jesus. What are the ways you are taking advantage of this privilege?
- Sin is what separates us from God. Are there any sins in your life that you need to get rid of so that it won't hinder your relationship with God and with others?

Recognize God's presence and intention for your life so that you can live your life according to His purpose (v. 19-22).

- As a result of our reconciliation because of what Christ has done, Paul mentions two things that gentiles no longer are and two things that they are today because of Christ. What are these?
- As a follower of Jesus, we are part of the body of Christ. What does the Bible say about God's intention for your life? Are you living that purpose?

REFLECT

Take time to think of who you are in Christ. Do you have a relationship with Him, and if you do, how is His presence in your life reflected in our behavior, perspectives, and relationships?

PRAY

Heavenly Father, thank You for reminding me through Your Word of who I am in Christ. Thank You for the privilege of being able to worship You and talk to You and serve You. Forgive me if I take those privileges for granted. Forgive me for the times I forget who I am and act contrary to Your will. I ask, Father, for courage to live my life according to Your purpose for me. May my heart's desire to live for You be pleasing to You. In Jesus' name. Amen.