



**who am  
I?**

**exploring your  
identity in Christ**

# identity

- Identity: The way we understand ourselves.
- You cannot know yourself with the depth that God knows you.
- You are not who you say you are. You are who God says you are.
  - We only get our identity right when we agree with God.

# **the favorite child**

Romans 8



# john 1:12–13

*But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.*

# romans 8:12–17

*So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.*

# God the Father

- Kind (Eph. 2:7-8)
- Compassionate (Ps 103:8)
- Loving (John 3:16)
- Giving (John 3:16)
- Merciful (Eph. 4:4-5)
- Strong (Ps. 24:8)
- Forgiving (1 Jn. 1:9)
- Caring (1 Pet. 5:7)
- Refuge (Ps. 91:2)
- Helper (Is. 41:10)
- Disciplines (Heb. 12:6)
- Rewards (Heb. 11:6)

# Jesus

- Jesus is the only-begotten son of God, the firstborn of all creation.
  - “Firstborn” is a title of rank and honor, not order.
- If you want to see how the Father treats His children, look at how the Father and Jesus interacted in the gospels.
- Jesus paved the way for you to become a child of God.

# child of God

- *For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.*
  - If the Spirit is in you through your faith in Jesus, you are a child of God.
- *but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”*
  - You are welcomed into the family of God.

# brothers and sisters

- If Jesus is the ultimate son and we are also sons and daughters then that means that we are brothers and sisters of Jesus, and co-heirs.
- **Hebrews 2:10–11:** *For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers,*

# brothers and sisters

- First, you are being made more and more glorious in Christ.
  - He is the source.
- Second, Jesus is not ashamed to call you His brother before His Father.
- If Jesus is not ashamed of you, then you can be free of the shame you hold.
  - You can be free of the shame that holds you down.

# believe truth

- Believe that you are a child of God and a brother of Jesus.
- Believe that God is continuing to make you into His image and revealing His glory in you.
- Believe that Jesus is not ashamed of you, move out of that place of shame you find yourself in.

# reflection

- Have you been welcomed into the family of God?
- Are you holding onto fear or shame?