

A NEW IDENTITY

Ephesians Overview

I. Don't forget who you really are!

A. Remember who you once were. (2:1-3, 11-12)

1. I was spiritually dead and in sin.
2. I followed the ways of this world.
3. I was open to his deceptive workings.
4. I was very selfish and followed my desires.
5. I was an object of God's wrath by nature.
6. I was far away, separated, excluded, and without hope and without God.

B. Remind yourself of who you are now. (2:4-22)

1. I am now spiritually alive and raised from the dead.
2. I am His masterpiece and new creation.
3. I am near Him, included, and have Him and hope.
4. I am a citizen in His country, I am accepted in His household, and I have access to my Father.
5. I am a dwelling place for His Spirit.
6. I have a glorious inheritance!

*Key: My past nor my sin(s) defines who I really am! (Col.3:7)

*Jesus defines me now since my life is hidden in Him! (Col.3:3)

C. Relinquish the living Christ through you. How?

1. What you're filled with spills out. (3:19; 5:18)
2. What you wear others will see. (4:22-32)
3. Withdraw from your inheritance. (3:8; 6:10)

"Therefore, if anyone is *in Christ*, he is a *new creation*; the *old has gone*, the *new has come*."
(2Corinthians 5:17)