

READ

Romans 8:14-17

CONSIDER

Identity is such a hot button issue today. People on the political left and right fight over their particular vision of how identity shapes the way we understand the world. Thankfully, Jesus had an alternate way of understanding ourselves.

Last week, Pastor Jon finished his sermon by unpacking the identity God gives us when we become followers of Jesus. “See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God” (1 John 3:1). The way of Jesus gives us a different vision of identity. Firstly, all humans are created in his image (Imago Dei) and are worthy of respect and honor. Christians, however, are given a new identity as children of God because His Spirit resides in us.

Come join us this week as we explore how our identity as children of God reorders and shapes the way we understand the world, including all the other identities that have shaped us.

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PRAY

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~ 1 John 3:1 ~*

Father, thank you that as followers of your way, we are now called children of God. Thank you that your Spirit resides in us and that you will continue the good work you began in us. Help us to understand our shared identity with believers all through the world and how the identity we have as your children gives us the security and comfort to live wholeheartedly for your glory. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

DIVING DEEPER

If you were to write your memoir, what 3-4 things would be important to record? What does that say about how you have constructed your own identity?

Read v14. What is the connection between the Spirit and being a child? Why is that significant?

Read v15. What does it mean to be adopted into God's family? What rights and privileges does this afford us?

Read v16-17. See how the privilege of being co-heirs with Christ involves suffering and glory. Where have you experienced this?

The identity we have as children of God is the primary way we are supposed to understand who we are. Does this come naturally for you?