

Our Holy Identity

Text: Galatians 3:23-29
Series: Becoming Wholly His
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Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

--Matthew 28:19-20a (ESV)--

Something to THINK ABOUT

- Have you ever been the “new kid” on the block?
- Has a “new kid” ever moved to *your* block?
- Have you ever been on the outside looking in?
- Has anyone ever threatened your “turf”?

Share: A time when you felt very welcome and why?

OUR MISSION

... a community of faith making visible the love of Jesus Christ and welcoming all to experience the transforming ways of our life-giving God.

OUR WAY of Practicing Love and Welcome

- *Embracing* God’s WORD expectantly
- *Following* JESUS CHRIST faithfully
- *Investing* in ONE ANOTHER intentionally
- *Sharing* God’s GRACE freely

Question: Are you living the love and welcome of Christ?

But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

--Galatians 3:25-26 (ESV)--

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
Galatians 3:27 (ESV)

For all the promises of God find their Yes in [Jesus Christ]. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. 1 Cor. 1:20 (ESV)

- **In Christ—We have been set FREE**
- **In Christ—We are CHILDREN of God**
- **In Christ—Our IDENTITY comes through Him**
- **In Christ—The PROMISES of God are for us**

Question: To whom do you look for ultimate approval?

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

--Galatians 3:28 (ESV)--

And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.
Galatians 3:29 (ESV)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.
2 Cor. 5:17 (ESV)

By Identifying Ourselves *FIRST* with Christ

- **Ethnic & Cultural differences can be celebrated**
- **Social & Economic divides will be bridged**
- **Family & Gender distinctions become a blessing**

Question: How can you welcome “another” this week?