

LIFE GROUP

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Who I Am in Christ, Part 2 June 30, 2024

Summary

Pastor Dale's message focuses on understanding and embracing our true identity through righteousness in Christ. Using Colossians 3:1-4, he emphasizes setting our hearts and minds on heavenly things, which means placing ourselves under the Lordship of Jesus. True freedom and identity come from being right with God through Jesus, not through our standards or efforts.

Scripture

We are all infected and impure with sin. When we display our righteous deeds, they are nothing but filthy rags. Like autumn leaves, we wither and fall, and our sins sweep us away like the wind. Isaiah 64:6 (NLT)

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. Romans 12:2 (NLT)

For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT)

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Colossians 3:1-4 (NIV)

Let's Start

Share a moment when you felt challenged to choose between worldly values and your faith in Christ. How did that experience influence your understanding of your identity in Him?

Gratitude and Prayer

How has God worked in your life since we were together?

Let's Talk

1. Define righteousness.
2. What practical ways can you "set your heart and mind on things above" in your daily life?
3. Reflecting on your own life, in what areas do you find yourself most distracted by "earthly things," as Paul describes in Colossians 3:1-4?
4. What does it mean to you personally to have your identity rooted in Christ, and how does this understanding shape the way you live your daily life?
5. Pastor Dale talked about Paul Bunyan's transformation. Who do you know who lives out his/her faith boldly and confidently?

