

Identity Theft Sermon Series
Part 2 – Day #1: Realization Hits

Romans 7:14-25

Sermon Summary

You are not Who You Want to Be – This sermon will focus on the moment that a Christian realizes that he/she is not living for Christ the way that he/she has been called to live. We will examine why this occurs, when it occurs, how we get to this point, and how we move beyond this point toward restoration.

Four Revelations of Reality

Revelation #1 – I Am Facing a War that Rages Within

- **Matthew 26:41**
- **Key Point** – The first revelation is made known to us as we admit the truth that is found littered throughout the pages of the Bible. Mankind is afflicted and tormented within by a war that raging. This battle is one between Good and Evil. Paul sums up this battle quite eloquently in Romans 7 as he describes the battle of the Spirit and the Flesh. In order for us to experience victory in this battle then we must first recognize the battle that is present within us!

Revelation #2 – I Am Not Strong Enough to Stand

- **Isaiah 53:4-6, 11-12**
- **Key Point** – The second revelation comes to us as we react to the first revelation. The initial human reaction when faced with the overwhelming battle that rages within is simple: I am not strong enough to stand my ground. The answer: You are Right! You are not strong enough to stand on your own that is why you must put on the full armor of God and take your stand on the firm foundation of the Word of God.

Revelation #3 – I Am Not Good Enough to Win

- **Jeremiah 33:7-9**
- **Key Point** – The third revelation comes about when you realize that you are not skilled enough or good enough to win. Again the answer: You are Right! You are not ever going to be wise enough, strong enough, powerful enough, or good enough to win the spiritual battle that rages within you on your own. Take heart, the victory has already been assured by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Revelation #4 – I Cry Out in Brokenness

- **Romans 8:26-27**
- **Key Point** – The fourth revelation comes to us as we cry out in brokenness and humility, ready to fold under the weight of the struggle that we find ourselves wrestling with. Yet, we call upon our God and claim His promise for His people: Deliverance, Deliverance!

Revelation #5 – I Am Rescued and Victorious

- **Romans 8:3-4**
- **Romans 5:6-9**
- **Key Point** – The final revelation is when we arise out of the ashes not on our own strength but by the hand of God. He wipes away our tears and our affliction, He restores us, and we finally see the Light that we have longed for. Once again we cry out to God this time with thankful hearts: Victory! Victory!

Questions to Consider

1. Where do you turn when you struggle with temptation or sin? Explain how this helps or hinders.
2. Why do Christians still struggle with sin upon accepting Christ as Savior? Explain.
3. How has God delivered you from sin in your past? What does this say about His love for you?

Memory Verse

Romans 7:25 – Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Challenge

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