

## Identity Theft Sermon Series Day #2 – Claiming Your True Identity

John 1:12-13

### Sermon Summary

***You are a Child of God*** – This sermon will focus on our true identity as a Child of God and what that entails for both now and eternity. We will also examine why this is important for Christians to understand and how this effects the way we live.

### Four Declarations About Your True Identity

#### Declaration #1 – I am a Child of God

- **John 1:12-13** – Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.
- **Lie #1 – You are Worthless**
- **Application Point – Remember the Father**
- **Key Point** – The key point here reminds us that Christians are known as children of God. Satan will try to rob us of our identity so that we will stray off the path of righteous living. We are of value because we are His children

#### Declaration #2 – I am Delivered by the Son

- **Ephesians 2:8-9** – For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.
- **Lie #2 – You are Despised**
- **Application Point – Remember the Cross**
- **Key Point** – The second key point reminds us that no matter what our past is like, we do not have to carry the baggage with us because we are delivered not by what we do rather by what Christ has done for us.

*Sermon Break: Doug will Sing “Remember Me”*

#### Declaration #3 – I am Redeemed by the Blood

- **1 Peter 1:17-19** – Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.
- **Lie #3 – You are Condemned**

- **Application Point – Remember the Blood**
- **Key Point** – The third key point focuses our attention on the simple fact that we are redeemed by the Son of God and that Satan will do everything He can to try to prove to us that we are not redeemed. He wants us to live in a state of hopelessness and despair which cannot be found in the presence of those that are redeemed by the atoning blood of Jesus!

#### **Declaration #4 – I Am a New Creation**

- **Lie #4 – You Can Never Change**
- **Application Point – Remember the Prize**
- **Key Point** – The final point comes to us as we make the declaration of our allegiance to and reliance upon our Savior. The fact is that we will never be able to accomplish lasting change on our own but we can overcome our obstacles of this life through reliance on Jesus Christ.

#### **Questions to Consider**

1. How has Satan attempted to steal your identity as a child of God this week? How did you defend yourself?
2. How does the knowledge of your divine identity help you in your weekly struggles? Explain.

#### **Memory Verse**

**John 1:12** – Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

#### **Weekly Challenge**

Continue walking through the weekly “Identity Theft” study guide available on the Home Fellowship table out in the foyer. The focus will be on Day #2.



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