

Identity Theft Sermon Series
Day #4 – The Day of Restoration is Here

Colossians 1:15-23

Summary

You are Restored by God – This sermon will examine the divine gift from God of the restoration of a Christian that has repented of a life that has wandered off the path of righteousness and faithfulness. We will focus on four marks of restoring the Christian life to a life that is lived in the image of Christ.

Four Marks of Restoration

Mark #1 – Your Reality is Restored

- You Are Created in the Image of God
- Genesis 1:26-27
- **Key Point:** The first mark of restoration comes to the Christian as they regain the perspective of their unique identity. It is during this stage that the Christian embraces the fact that they were created in the image of God himself. They were created for God and by God to bring Him glory!

Mark #2 – Your Blamelessness is Restored

- You Are Forgiven
- Ephesians 2:1-3
- Colossians 2:13-15
- **Key Point:** The second mark of restoration comes about when the Christian embraces their identity as being made in the image of the Creator thus casting off their old, sinful lifestyle. This is the stage where they experience forgiveness for their trespasses against God the Father.

Mark #3 – Your Innocence is Restored

- You are Made Pure and Holy
- Ephesians 4:22-24
- **Key Point:** The third mark of restoration comes about when God cleanses and purifies the Christian from the blemishes of their past trespasses. It is here where their innocence is restored and they are challenged to walk the walk of one that has been created anew.

Mark #4 – Your Inheritance is Restored

- You Are Made Alive in Christ
- Ephesians 2:4-7
- **Key Point:** The final mark comes about when we see the eternal inheritance and the covenant restored as the Christian strives to live for God with their entire heart, mind, and soul.

Questions to Consider

1. Describe the different characteristics Christians are to exhibit as they live a life in the image of Christ.
2. What areas in your life do you need to surrender to God and be restored into the image of Christ?

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 #4.

Memory Verse

2 Corinthians 5:17 – Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!



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