

all things



II Corinthians 5:17 & Ecclesiastes 1:9

Who Do You Think You Are?

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*History merely repeats itself. It has all been done before. **Nothing under the sun is truly new.*** Ecclesiastes 1:9 (NLT)

For if a man is in Christ he becomes a new person altogether—the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new.

II Corinthians 5:16-17 (Phillips)

- Everyone “in Christ” receives a new _____.
- Most Christians don’t know who they are in Christ.

Your New Identity in Christ:

1. “You are a _____.”

*Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the **saints** who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus:* Ephesians 1:1 (ESV)

- You are called and “set _____” in Christ.

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you . . .

Ephesians 1:18a

For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10

2. “You are a _____ of the King.”

⁴For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will . . . Ephesians 1:4-5

- You have access to the family _____.

*So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an **heir**.* Galatians 4:7

3. “You are _____.”

⁸For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

- You are saved from the penalty, _____ and ultimately the _____ of sin.

Next Steps for the Sunday after Easter:

- ☐ Determine to find your identity in Christ alone.
- ☐ Check the connection card if you would like information about our Baptism Celebration next Sunday, May 4.
- ☐ Pray for another saint this week – that they know who they are in Christ.
- ☐ Bring friends and family on Mother’s Day, May 11 – free family portraits by professional photographers.