

Sermon Series – “Embracing Identity”

Part 1 – “Becoming by Beholding”

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Scripture Reading: *2 Corinthians 3:18*

The struggle for meaning and identity has long _____ one of life’s most difficult _____. Every day we see this struggle in finding one’s purpose and the meaning of _____ play out in our schools, at work, on the playground, and also at church. But in the _____, God gave mankind our identity which has been imprinted on everyone transferred to each one even _____ the time of _____. In this series we will go through the pages of God’s _____ to rediscover and embrace the Creator’s perspective on identity, how we should understand it and appreciate it while overcoming the enemy’s attack on this _____ part of who we are. We will _____ with a simple message and _____ on this study through the rest of the series. Let us pray.

Five “B’s” of Becoming (*John 6:1-15*)

1. _____ - *Hebrews 11:6*
2. _____ – *2 Corinthians 3:18*
3. Be _____ - _____ - *John 3:3-7; 2 Corinthians 5:17*
4. _____ – *2 Corinthians 3:18*
5. _____ – *John 10:28; 1 John 3:1-3*

Those who seek God in secret telling the Lord their needs and pleading for help, will not plead in vain. “Thy Father which seeth in secret Himself shall reward thee openly.” As we make Christ our daily companion we shall feel that the powers of an unseen world are all around us; and by looking unto Jesus we shall become assimilated to His image. By beholding we become changed. The character is softened, refined, and ennobled for the heavenly kingdom. The sure result of our [relationship] and fellowship with our Lord will be to increase piety, purity, and fervor. There will be a growing intelligence in prayer. We are receiving a divine education, and this is illustrated in a life of diligence and zeal.

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Will you choose daily to behold your Savior that by faith you will become more like him?