



Identity in Community

Paul's Letter to the Ephesians



Identity and Community

- When we understand who God has made us to be, we can live the life that God has created us to live.
- Identity is both personal and community
- The Church is not a building! The Church is the called out people of God living out the purposes of God.

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Identity and Community Messages

- We are marked by majesty
- A community that prays.
- Out of a disaster piece come a masterpiece
- Together is better
- Prioritize Love
- Body Life – healthy, growing, and full of love
- Living from the New You
- Spiritual Warfare

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RIGHT BELIEFS

- Orthodoxy
- Alone = dead orthodoxy
- Together = inward change
- 1st comes right beliefs

RIGHT BEHAVIORS

- Orthopraxis
- Alone = Philanthropy
- Together = God's Glory
- 2nd comes right actions

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“What is the chief end of man? Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.”

Westminster Confession

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Questions

- How would my life be different if I chose daily to look at myself from God's vantage point?
- What steps will I or have I taken to be part of a community that is living out God's purposes?
- What do I use as the standard or guide for my behaviors? How would using the Bible as a guide change my lifestyle?

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