



WHAT IF IT'S TRUE . . . THAT YOU ARE A CHILD OF GOD

In preparation for the online Bible study on May 28, you may wish to read through the following questions and Bible passages. We will consider these and other topics during our live discussion as well. Preparation is not required.

QUESTION: WHAT IS OUR IDENTITY AS CHRISTIANS?

Consider: How do we establish our own identity?

Consider: Sometimes we use the word “identity” when we’re describing “vocation” (i.e., father, mother, student, athlete). What is the difference between identity and vocation? Why does it matter?

READ: FROM DR. ALAN NOBLE’S BOOK, *YOU ARE NOT YOUR OWN*

“If I belong to myself, then I am the only one who can set limits on who I am or what I can do. No one else has the right to define me, to choose my journey in life, or to assure me that I am okay. I belong to myself. But the freedom of sovereign individualism comes at a great price. Once I am liberated from all social, moral, natural, and religious values, I become responsible for the meaning of my own life. With no God to judge or justify me, I have to be my own judge and redeemer.

Agree or disagree: This level of individualism is liberating. Why or why not?

READ: EXODUS 3:7-14

Consider: In these verses, God instructs Moses to go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt. But Moses has some reservations. What is his identity crisis? How did God respond to this crisis?

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READ: THE FOLLOWING PASSAGES FROM ROMANS AND LIST THE IDENTITY MARKERS LAID OUT FOR US IN SCRIPTURE

Romans 6:1-7—

Romans 7:14-21—

Romans 7:24-8:4—

Romans chapter 8—

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