



FINDING OUR *identity* IN CHRIST

SUMMARY | One of the more abstract concepts in the life of faith is that through salvation our identity is now in Christ. Yet when we talk of our identity in Christ, we're referring to an actual reality—just not a tangible one. We're talking about a spiritual reality, which may be why it's so difficult to get our minds around this subject.

On this episode of *Discover the Word*, we consider together what it means to have our identity in Christ.

This Week's Discussion Questions

1. What are some things in life that people use as expressions of their identity?

What are some of the ways you have sought to frame your own identity?

2. Read [Galatians 2:20](#). How does this expression of our shared life with Christ transform and elevate our sense of identity?

3. The first and last parts of [Galatians 2:20](#) deal with Christ's death. How do you understand the teaching that, as Christ died for us, we died with Him?

4. The middle portion of [Galatians 2:20](#) deals with how Christ lives in us. In the conversation, we discussed whether faith in Christ or the faithfulness of Christ might be the best understanding of Paul's words. Which makes the most sense to you? Why?

Challenge

Consider how having died with Christ can impact the way we live for Christ. Make a list of characteristics you've died to (ways of the flesh) on one side of a sheet of paper and label it "Dead to ...". On the parallel side of the paper, label it "Alive to ...". and write down things that are opposite of what was on the other side of the paper (e.g., Dead to hate and unforgiveness. Alive to forgiveness. Dead to selfishness. Alive to generosity).

Commit To Memory

"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me"

[Galatians 2:20 NASB](#)

Prayer

Rescuing Father, I am grateful for the price Jesus paid to redeem my life and bring me back to You. But I'm also thankful that my Savior did not abandon me to work out life in my own wisdom or strength. Teach me the joy of having my identity in Christ, and help me to yield to His living through me. Amen.

