**New Creation: A Brand-New Life** (2Cor 5:14-21)

Everyone is building their identity on something. Our identity is what gives us meaning (What are you living for?) and worth (How well are you doing?). Identity apart from God is fundamentally unstable. Understanding our identity in Christ will give us an unshakable Identity of meaning and worth that all the success in this world can't give you and all the suffering in this world can't take from you.

#### A New Creation with a Brand-New Life Gives Us... 1Jn5:4

- ✓ New <u>Passion</u> vv14-15
  - Because Christ's <u>love</u> transforms our hearts. v14a
  - Because Christ's <u>death</u> frees us from sin's penalty and power. v14b; Rom8:1-4
  - Because Christ's <u>resurrection</u> gives us a new life to live for His glory. v15; Rom6:4
- ✓ New Perspective v16; 1Cor4:3-4
  - You no longer regard yourself or others from worldly <u>values</u> and <u>standards</u>. James 1:9-11; Jer9:23-24
  - You begin to see that the only eyes in the universe that matters sees you to the <u>bottom</u> and loves you to the <u>heavens</u>. Matt3:17

### ✓ New Power v17

- To overcome hurts, habits and hang-ups. Rom8:11
- To be (<u>Character</u>) what He wants you to be and to do (<u>Conduct</u>) what He wants you to do. 2Pet1:3
- ✓ New Purpose vv18-21
  - To <u>Know</u> God. v18-19
  - And Make Him Known. Vv20-22

## **Growing Notes**

- 1) Everyone is building their identity on something. Explain. What is an identity? Why is any identity apart from God fundamentally unstable?
- 2) Read 2Cor5:14-21. Do you have passion for life? Explain. How does our Brand-New Life in Christ give us a New Passion for life greater than any other passion (vv14-15)? How does Christ's love, death and resurrection give us this New Passion?
- 3) What does it mean that our Brand-New Life in Christ gives us a New Perspective (v16; 1Cor4:3-4; Jer9:23-24; James 1:9-11)? How are God's standards and values different from this world (1John 2:15-17; Rom12:2)? How should God's standards and values change our perspective about both good days and bad days?
- 4) What does it mean that if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation— The old has passed away and the new has come (v17)? What hurts, habits and hang-ups do you currently need to overcome? How does our Brand-New Life give us a New Power (v17; 2Pet1:3; Rom8:11)?
- 5) Why can't people live a single second without meaning and hope? How does this Brand-New Life give us a New Purpose for our existence (vv18-21)? What does is mean to Know God and Make Him Known? How does this fit our db 5G process of full devotion to Jesus Christ? What is God speaking to you from this study? Pray.

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- Are you able to watch the online service?
- Are you connecting with your Life Group?
- Did you see the Facebook LIVE Video Sunday evening going over growing notes?
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#### Current Sermon Series: UNSHAKABLE IDENTITY

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April 18/19 Free: Redeemed by the Son Romans 8:1-39
April 25/26 Adopted: Beloved by the Father Romans 8:14-17
May 2/3 Alive: Empowered by the Holy Spirit Ephesians 5:15-21

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# UNSHAKABLE IDENTITY

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