

“Just Who Are You, Anyway?”

Lesson Text: **Acts 19:11-17**. What Is Your True Identity? In Christ Or In The World?

I. Our Search For Identity In This Life.

- When We Grow Up, We Look For Our Identity— Just Who Are We Going To Be?
 - **Exodus 2:2; Luke 1:66**.
- Identity Is Rooted In Our: Occupation, Character, Choices, Economic Status, Social Status, Cultural Identity & Activities We Are Always Doing.
- What The Bible Says:
 - Identity Tied To Occupations In The New Testament:
 - * John The Baptist- **Matthew 3:1-6**.
 - * Centurions- **Luke 7:2; Acts 10:1**.
 - * Simon The Tanner- **Acts 10:5-6**.
 - * Simon The Sorcerer- **Acts 8:9**.
 - Identity Tied To Character:
 - * What Character In **Luke 7:39**? _____.
 - * What Character In **1 Samuel 2:12**? _____.
 - * What Character In **Matthew 10:41**? _____.
 - * What Character In **2 Corinthians 6:15**? _____.
 - Identity Tied To Choices Wise Or Foolish:
 - * What Two Identities Are In **Proverbs 14:16**? _____.

II. The Choice To Identify With The World.

- **Ephesians 2:1-3**. Paul Speaks About Their Former Identity In The World.
- **1 Corinthians 6:9-11**. Their Past Connection To These Sins Became Their Identity.
- In **Revelation 21:8**, God Will Punish Those Who Are Identified With These Sins.
- **Matthew 23:28**, Hypocrites Have A Double Identity— Of The World And Of Christ!
- False Teachers Try To Hide Their Real Identity. **Matthew 7:15-20; 2 Cor. 11:13-15**.
- Example: **Acts 13:6-11**.
- If We Choose To Follow The World, We Lose Christ- **John 8:21-24; James 4:4**.

III. The Choice To Identify With Christ.

- Our Obedience To The Gospel Changes Our Identity- **Romans 6:4-6; 17-18**.
 - From Sinners To _____ **1 Corinthians 1:2**.
 - From Unbelievers To _____ **Acts 5:14**.
 - From “*Sons Of Disobedience*” (**Col. 3:6**) To _____ **1 John 3:1**.
 - From The “*Old Self*” (**Rom. 6:4 NASB, ESV**) To _____ **Ephesians 4:24**.
 - From Walking In Darkness (**John 12:35**) To _____ **Ephesians 5:8**.
 - From Being Carnally Minded, **Romans 8:6**, To Being _____.
 - From Living For The World (**1 John 2:15-17**) To Living For _____ **Phil. 1:21**.
- Conclusion: **Revelation 3:12; Acts 26:28**.