

## **Developing a New You: The Strength of Embracing Our New Identity**

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**Text:** 2 Corinthians 5:16-17; Ephesians 4:22-25, NLT

### **Embracing the New Identity Prevents the Distortion of Personal Worth**

- We can \_\_\_\_\_ of personal worth no matter their source.

### **Embracing the New Identity Helps Our Ongoing Transformation**

- The new identity helps us identify areas in our lives that need \_\_\_\_\_.
- Reflecting on the new identity can give us a \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Embracing the New Identity Strengthens Our Resolve**

- "I am who Christ has made me, and nothing will \_\_\_\_\_."
- When \_\_\_\_\_, we can meet them with the new identity.
- The new identity changes how we \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Life Enrichment**

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What about today's teaching challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- What are some methods our culture uses to shape our identities? What messages are they sending about identity?
- How are the culture's identity messages helpful? How are they destructive?
- How does the American church warp our sense of identity through overemphasis on the positive and negative?
- How does this warping of Christian identity shape the way the church perceives the culture and ministers to it?
- In what ways does our new identity in Christ help in the ongoing transformation of our lives?
- Why do you think Christians sometimes feel the need to justify their new identity and tend to be apologetic about it?
- When you face trials and temptations, how will you use the new identity to help you stand strong?
- Reflecting on the past couple of weeks, how could the new identity have helped you address some of the challenges you faced?