

The Gift of Identity

What defines You?

In former cultures, people were defined by their **ANCESTRY**. (Matt 1: 1 -18)

In our culture, people are often defined by their **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**.

Why does God give them a Sabbath? To **REDEFINE** them. (Deut. 5:12-15)

Who were they? ... Who are we? Created in the **IMAGE OF GOD**. (Gen.1:27)

We are God's **POEM** (Eph. 2:10)

We are not defined by what we **DO**.

In the New Testament we are encouraged to be **IN** Christ and **WITH** Christ.

The **CROSS** is what most identifies Christ.

We often create a Jesus in our **IMAGE**.

What does being "in" Christ look like?

A life aware of its "NEWNESS" (1Cor 5:17)

A life not driven by CONDEMNATION (Romans 8:1)

A life not slave to SIN (Romans 6:6)

A life with reason to HOPE (1Peter 3:15)

Christianity – our identity or merely something else to be IDENTIFIED with?