

Faith Christian Fellowship
Sunday, October 26, 2014
Foundations for Healing 2:
Who Am I?

TEXT: Eph 4:21-24 / 2Co 5:16-18

5 areas of knowledge that we need in order to have a strong basis to receive the healing (or anything else, for that matter) that God promises us: The Love of God / Our Righteousness in Him / The flow of the anointing / How to use our faith / How to keep what we receive

Part of living out the plans and purposes of God for you is to learn to draw your identity from the Christ in you.

- ♥ It pays to know who you are: Remember Gideon
 - Jdg 6:1-10 Years of miserable failure have left Gideon in a hole cringing in fear. The Lord has a better way, but Gideon has a hard time accepting it.
 - The first step is always to blame the Lord for the mishaps rather than believe the Lord for the blessing. Vv. 11-13
 - The next step is to blame family, social status, accidents of birth, history, personal inadequacies, or anything else that comes from what we think we know about ourselves.
 - Finally, we demand an experience to confirm the Word (The Lord is sitting under a tree talking to him, but he needs a sign?)
 - We have the written Word of God, the sign of the resurrection, and the witness of the indwelling Spirit. Believe it!
- ♥ You are a new creation whether you know it or not, and whether you act like it or not
 - 2 Cor 5:17 – anyone – that would include you.
 - Eph 4:24 – it takes a putting off and a putting on to live like who you are.
 - Rom 12:2 The only reliable way to know who you really are is through the Word of God.
 - The most important truth you need in order to walk in faith is the reality of your righteous (not guilty) status before God. It is a gift.
 - Rom 5:17 ...**the gift of righteousness** / 2 Cor 5:21 you traded robes / Eph 4:24 You were created righteous in your new birth.

- **You are incredibly righteous**
 - Your old sins are gone because the person who did them has died. Rom 6:3-
 - The law that accuses you has been completely erased: Col 2:13-17 / Rom 10:4.
 - If you stumble as a righteous new creation you have a special deal!
 - The Judge is your Dad! Rom 8:33 .
 - Your defense Attorney is your big brother who already served you sentence. 1 Jn 2:1-2
 - Any evidence that clings to you He washes away by a thorough application of His own blood. 1 Jn 1:9

- ♥ Identity theft is not a new crime
 - There is an accuser) who will keep you from the blessings of who you are, by simple deception
 - Identity theft takes place in our mind. Satan recounts things that really did happen, thoughts you really did have, and he twists the words to convince you you are unworthy of the blessing of God
 - We have LifeLock protection against this theft:
 - Our confession of the Lordship of Jesus Christ. We are right with God based on what He did, not what we do. Romans 10:9,10 / Ephesians 2:8
 - The wonder of baptism: Romans 6:4
 - The renewing of our mind: Romans 12:2 / 2 Cor 3:18
 - Revisiting our identity at the Lord's table: 1Co 11:23-26
 - Remember Him – not your sins and failures
 - Declare what the Cross did for you

Who am I? This or the other?

Am I one person today and tomorrow another?

Am I both at once? A hypocrite before others,

And before myself a contemptibly woebegone weakling?

Or is something within me still like a beaten army,

Fleeing in disorder from victory already achieved?

Who am I? They mock me, these lonely questions of mine.

Whoever I am, Thou knowest, O God, I am Thine!

Dietrich Bonhoeffer