**Q99. What are the main identities the Bible gives to the saved?**

Our main identities are adopted children, loved slaves, and citizens of the kingdom of God.

God moves the saved person from enemy to adopted child, from slave to sin to slave to God, and from alienated to citizen of the kingdom of God.

**In the opening of tonight’s lecture, Pastor told a story about a man who died faithfully clinging and proclaiming his identity as a Christian.**

What were your thoughts about this testimony and how does it impact/challenge/inspire your cling to Christ as a Christian above all else?

**1. Adopted Children**

**Read Galatians 4:4-5**

*To redeem* means to obtain or to set free by paying a price.

Talk about the price God paid for us to be redeemed.

What does this do to your core identity as a Christian when you have a full and right view of the price that was paid to redeem you into His eternal family?

**Read Ephesians 1:4-5**

What does it mean to you to know that your adoption was not a second choice or Plan B, but that God set out to save and adopt you from the beginning?

**2. Loved Slaves**

What are your first impressions and thoughts when you hear that one of your most core identities and realities in Christ is that you are His slave?

How does our flesh fight against this in general? In daily life?

**Not all slavery is the same**

Do you see that being slaves to Christ is very different then the slavery we often think of?

How is our common view of slavery problematic for embracing this reality?

Read **Romans 6:17-18**

We must see that our sin causes us to think far too highly of ourselves and our “freedoms” and “self-reign.” The Scriptures are clear that we are never in charge of ourselves but that we are slaves either to sin unto death or to Christ unto life.

Talk about how we fight this reality with our fleshly worldview.

Why is it important we make war with this line of thinking?

What can we do to truly live out what Pastor MacArthur says below:

*True Christianity is not about adding Jesus to my life. Instead, it is about devoting myself completely to Him—submitting wholly to His will and seeking to please Him above all else. It demands dying to self and following the Master, no matter what the cost. In other words, to be a Christian is to be Christ’s slave.* -John MacArthur, Slave

**Read Philippians 2:6-8**

How does the fact that the most worthy One, the most high ranking One, the most deserving One willingly took on the role of servant for us? How does this help us live out our identity as God’s servants?

**In I Peter 2:13-20, Romans 13:1, Titus 3:1, 1 Peter 2:15 and elsewhere, we read God’s commands on the church to be submissive -- not just to Him, but to the authorities He has placed over us.**

How is our submission in this exile time on earth a vitally important part of our testimony of Christ to others?

**3. Citizens of the Kingdom of God**

Read **Hebrews 13:14**

Pastor Joshua said, **“We are citizens of God’s eternal city while residents in the world’s temporal city.”**

How does this help us navigate our time on earth and the hardships we will face and the time we will invest?

**Read 1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

When you read Paul’s advice here for exile living, what does he mean by these things and how does it relate to our reality of being Kingdom citizens?