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Section: Doctrine of Holy Spirit (Pneumatology)

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**HANDOUT NOTES**

**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.

* **Introduction**

What determines your identity?

Do you really know who you are?

What makes you who you are?

How important is your identity in the grand scheme of things?

**Romans 6:23** (NIV) For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life inChrist Jesus our Lord.

**Colossians 1:13-14** He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**2 Corinthians 5:17** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

* **Adopted Children**

**John 1:12-13** But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were *born*, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

**Galatians 4:4-5** But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

**Galatians 3:13** Christ *redeemed* us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”

**Ephesians 1:4-5** even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will

**Ephesians 2:19** So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and **members of the household of God**

**2 Corinthians 6:18** “… I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty.”

**Romans 8:16** The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God

* **Loved Slaves**
* Not all slavery is the same

1. Hebrew servanthood

**Leviticus 25:39-40** "If your brother becomes poor beside you and sells himself to you, you shall not make him serve as a slave: he shall be with you as a **hired worker** and as a sojourner. He shall serve with you until the year of the jubilee.”

1. Greco-Roman slavery
2. Indentured servitude
3. The African slave trade

* Christians as slaves

We need to embrace that a life of submission is much of what a godly life and the Christian life is about at its core.

**John MacArthur:** “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.”

**Philippians 2:6-8** [Jesus] who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.  And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

**Mark 10:45** “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

**David Platt:** “He took on a robe of human flesh and took all of your sinful filth, guilt and shame upon Himself. He went to the cross, and He paid the price. He stood in your place as your servant, so that you could be redeemed. This word ‘redeemed’ is a picture of slavery. When we talk about redemption, redemption is to buy something, to pay a redemption price.”

**Romans 6:17-18** But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

**Romans 1:6** … you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20** (NLT) ... You do not **belong** to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.

**1 Peter 2:9-10**

**1 Peter 2:13-15**

* We are to be submissive exiles in this time

**John 6:38** For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.

**Romans 13:1** Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.

**Titus 3:1** Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work

**1 Peter 2:15** For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people.

**1 Peter 2:16-20**

* We are to be joyful slaves

**1 Peter 2:21b** because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.

* **Citizens of the Kingdom of God**

**Matthew 3:2** “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

**Romans 14:17** For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

**Philippians 3:20** (NIV) But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ

**Ephesians 2:11-22**

**Matthew 25:34** (NIV) "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you *since the creation of the world*.’”

**Hebrews 13:14**For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.

**Romans 8:36** “... we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

**Philippians 4:4** Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I will say, rejoice.

**1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

**Hebrews 9:28** … Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

**John 18:33-37**