

Campus Corona Devotional #14 I Think
Who do you think you are?

Where does our sense of self-worth come from? How often do we stake our own self-worth and identity in our experiences? We define ourselves based on our experiences, relationships, grades, jobs, financial status, success, appearance, and the like. We are constantly seeking to define who we are in any way we can. These factors are constantly changing, thus our own feelings toward ourselves are constantly changing. But rather than defining ourselves, who does God say we are?

Ephesians 1:3-14

- We have been blessed with every spiritual blessing we have been chosen, adopted, redeemed, forgiven, grace-lavished, and unconditionally loved and accepted. We are pure, blameless, and forgiven as He created us to be. When we are in Christ, these aspects of our identity can never be altered by what we do. When we became disciples, a new identity was given to us, one that is decided solely on what Christ has already done, something that again can never be changed. What are things we define ourselves by other than God?

Hebrews 13:8

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

Malachi 3:6

“I the LORD do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed.”

- In our world where the only constant is change, the God that we serve does not. The way his looks at us, his children, does not change. No amount of sin or change in circumstance could ever change our worth to Him... because it is not up to us. We are defined by who we are, not the things we do or don't do. What are we when? We are sons and daughter of the Lord God Almighty, the One who created all that there ever was and ever will be—He is the one who determines your worth. And He made the choice to pay the highest price, his Son, for you (**Romans 5:8**).

2 Corinthians 5:17

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”

Psalms 139:14

“I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.”

- In no aspect does Paul or the psalmist attributed these facts to the character of the individual. Where or not you are a “new creation,” or “fearfully and wonderfully made,” has no bearing on what kind of person you are. We live in a society that determines our worth by what we produce, we live for a God that looks as us and sees Jesus. So often I can look at myself and feel guilty with all the ways I have fallen short, I can feel like a failure and never being good enough; I can focus more on who I think am rather than who God says I am. Luckily for us, God makes himself abundantly clear. The beauty and glory of the Gospel is that our identity is not based on our own imperfect selves, but he who lived a perfect life. We were never meant to determine our worth by what we produce, but on the price that was paid for us. How would your life be different if we truly believed in who God says we are?

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