

You Are Defined by God and God Alone

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He has identified us as his own by placing the Holy Spirit in our hearts . . . 2
Corinthians 1:22 (NLT)

so that it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. This life that I live now, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave his life for me. Galatians 2:20 (GNT)

Your faith will grow stronger as you focus on your identity in Christ.

What this means is that you abandon any image of yourself that is not from God. You stop accepting what others have said about you; you stop accepting how others have labeled you; you stop accepting how others have defined you.

You start believing what God says about you; you start believing God is pleased with how he created you; you start believing that God defines you.

You are not defined by your feelings. You are not defined by the opinions of others. You are not defined by your circumstances. You are not defined by your successes or failures. You are not defined by the car you drive, or the money you make, or the house you say you own (even though the bank really owns it).

You are defined by God and God alone. He identifies you as his own (2 Corinthians 1:22).

The thing is, if you don't know who you are, then you are vulnerable to other people telling you who you are. But the concrete, solid, gospel truth is that you are who God says you are and ***no one else has a vote in the matter.***

Jesus was able to face the incredible demands of his mission because he knew exactly who he was. He knew that he mattered to God, and that gave him confidence to move purposefully in faith.

You are God's precious child and he created you in a way that pleases him. Because you are identified with Christ, you have the power of the Holy Spirit within you.

Talk about it –

Because God defines you, you can stop accepting how others have defined you. You can stop accepting how others have labeled you.

- Ask God to help you believe and accept what he says about you.
- How would your life change if you fully accepted that God is pleased with how he created you?