Living By The New Identity

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INTRODUCTION

- It's our whole identity that is the new name of Isaiah 62.
- Because of this new name, because of this new status, could it be said that we are no longer sinners?
- Grace gives nothing to those who long for freedom to sin. But gives liberty and power to those who want freedom from sin.

1 Sin Must Become Infrequent in Our Lives

1 Corinthians 10:13; 1 John 1:5–10; 1 John 3:3–9

- I am confident that we can live consistently above sin. And defeat the adversary more than he defeats us.
- If we walk in the light, a steady progression in the light, and that's what our new identity calls us to.
- If we know him, we keep his commandments.
- No one who is born of God practices sin.

2 We Are Not to Be Defined by Sin

1 Timothy 1:15; James 5:19–20; Colossians 1:13

- Those with this new identity are far more often called something else.
- However, it is used very infrequently of those who have possessed this new name.
- We are not to be defined by sin any longer. We have a new identity, a new focus, a new aim as God's people.
- He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and has transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.
- We are not to be defined by our sinful past. We are those in whom God delights.

3 Turning From Sin

1 Corinthians 10:13; Philippians 4:5; James 5:16

- Sin ought to be infrequent. We cannot be walking and wallowing in the darkness all the time.
- Jesus did not come to redeem us in our sin. He came to redeem us from our sin.
- To know victory over sin, we need to perceive the Lord's presence.
- We sin when we remove God from our thoughts.
- You want to defeat sin. You just need to resist. Resist the devil and he'll flee from you.

4 Embrace Our New Identity Fully

John 5:24; Philippians 1:6; Hebrews 6:4–5

- If we embraced our new identity fully, look at what God's done.
- We have been exalted to a higher plane. And that's important in defeating sin.
- We who were dead in our trespasses in sin. And were by nature children of wrath. We are not that anymore.
- We were raised to walk in newness of life.

5 Set My Mind on the Things of the Spirit

Romans 7:24

- My new identity from darkness to light compels me to set my mind on the things of the spirit and not on the things of the flesh.
- Paul is saying that all of his best attempts to be righteous were not good enough.
- Under the law, it was a hopeless situation.
- There is now, therefore, no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
- There are a lot more terms like this to describe us in the New Testament than the term sinner.

THE CHALLENGE

Who or what are you? Are you a person that is no longer defined by sin?

MY NOTES