

## **Gospel Identity**

**1. To Live Rightly, We Need to See Ourselves Rightly.**

**2. To See Ourselves Rightly, We Need to See Christ Rightly.**

**3. We Are United with Christ to Bring Glory to God.**

CONCLUSION: How can we possibly put to death the selfish ambition that lurks in our hearts? This passage tells us that if we are in Christ, then it is already dead, but we still need to *leave it behind every single day by trusting Christ*. It is by faith in Him that we are to see ourselves as we truly are—raised in Christ, new creations, co-heirs with Yahweh Himself. This is our identity and it frees us to live all of life to the glory of God the Father. Oh, brothers and sisters, let us delight in Christ who is our life that we might live out this glorious calling.

## **Romans 6:5-14**

For if *we have been united with him in a death* like his, we shall certainly be *united with him in a resurrection like his*. We know that *our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing*, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. *So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus*. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but *present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life*, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

## **Second Corinthians 1:3-7**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the *Father of mercies and God of all comfort*, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which *we ourselves are comforted by God*. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.

## **Romans 12:9-10**

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. *Love one another with brotherly affection*. Outdo one another in showing honor.

## **Luke 14:7-11**

Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, *go and sit in the lowest place*, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. *For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.*"