

LIVING YOUR NEW IDENTITY IN CHRIST

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- I. A new identity: Those connected to Christ think differently because they are different (Colossians 3:1-4).
 - A. Since we are united with Christ in heaven, we must pursue Christ's values on earth (1-2).
 - B. Our old self has died because we are now spiritually alive (3).
 - False identities vs. Our identity in Christ
 - C. When Jesus returns, we will live forever with Him in our new glorious identity (4; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 1 Cor. 15:50-58).
- II. New character: Those connected to Christ must live differently (Colossians 3:5-11).
 - A. Put to death sins of your old nature and put on your new identity in Christ to become more like Christ (5-10).
 - B. Our identity in Christ supersedes any previous identity (11).
- III. A new way of relating: Those connected to Christ must relate to others with His grace (Colossians 3:12-14).
 - A. Since we are chosen and loved by God's grace, we can show grace in every relationship (12-13).
 - B. If we grasp God's grace, we will love sacrificially in the pursuit of unity (14).

