

Prayers

- For church members who are unwell and/or who can no longer attend.
- For the Lunch Club and all who attend
- For Sarah, Sarah and their families
- For the Alpha course which continues each Sunday
- For CGL and the continued growth & positive influence in the community
- For opportunities to share the gospel in our community and home lives
- For the Pickleball club - a great opportunity to share the gospel
- For Amy, Ben and their families
- For open doors/opportunities to build relationships with our community and other local churches
- For Moya and David
- For Joanne and family as she recovers
- For Merkel and Charles
- For the discipleship course and discipleship sermon series
- The General Elections
- For Christian Aid Week
- For 3 people you know or know of that need to know the Lord

Today's Service

- Bible Reading

2 Corinthians 5:14-17

- **Songs**

- ❖ Lord, I lift Your name
- ❖ You are my all in all
- ❖ Only by grace
- ❖ Rejoice, Rejoice
- ❖ I am a new creation

#Pick Your Battles

“You don’t need to search for something that is already found”

Our identity is such an important element in our lives and we spend so much time having to prove it, show it and be known by it. Jesus himself had an identity as the Christ, the Son of God, the Messiah, the Saviour of the World and so many others but these were all routed in one thing – ‘God the Father’ and He in scripture we find that He never separated Himself from that fact.

Whilst our identity is important in the world and somewhat a necessity – yet Paul talks about being a new creation – one that has died and now lives a newness of life. Does this life mean that we no longer need to search for our identity in the world because it has already been found in Christ?

There will be many things in our lives that will make us feel complete but it is only Christ that can complete us

“For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority” – Colossians 2:9-10

REFLECTION

1. Would you say that there are any noticeable differences between our human identity and our identity in Christ?
2. What do you think is the importance of identity?
3. What are the things that you find easiest to relate to and can this have an effect on your identity in some way?
4. Where or in what ways would you say that you seek your identity?
5. In what ways will you aim to find completeness ‘in Christ’ through the message today?

Notices

Sunday 7th May 2017

- Next Lunch club will be on 8th May
- Please continue to support our emergency food parcel cupboard by bringing in some things off the list in the foyer when you can
- Thursday morning prayer meeting **9.30am – 10.30am** (1st Thursday of the month)
- Pickleball every Monday **@7.00PM**
- Wednesday bible study every week term times **@7.30PM**
- Alpha course – next session **7th May**
- Wednesday evening bible study - **from 26 April – 14 June - Discipleship Course** - all welcome
- Next Deacons meeting: **9 May @7PM**

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- **Flower Rota - 14 May – Kelly Wellman**
 - **Bible Reading - 14 May – Cyrilene Facey**
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