

IDENTITY WEEK - 1

TURN TO 2 Cor 11:1-4

Over the next 3 weeks we will be dealing with IDENTITY, and uncovering 3 huge lies that get us to doubt who we are in Christ.

But before we get into these lies, we need to talk about

- 1) what IDENTITY is
- 2) Find where the lies come from

What is Identity?

- Is identity “what you do”? (I sin sometimes, but I am not a sinner)
- Is identity “how I feel”? (I feel like quitting sometimes but I am not a quitter)
- Is identity “what I believe”? (I believe I am forgiven but I don’t act like it)

READ SCRIPTURE - 2 Cor 11:1-4

11 I hope you will put up with a little more of my foolishness. Please bear with me. **2** For I am jealous for you with the jealousy of God himself. I promised you as a pure bride to one husband—Christ. **3** But I fear that somehow your pure and undivided devotion to Christ will be corrupted, just as Eve was deceived by the cunning ways of **the serpent**. **4** You happily put up with whatever anyone tells you, even if they preach a different Jesus than the one we preach, or a different kind of Spirit than the one you received, or a different kind of gospel than the one you believed.

This passage shows us 2 sources of lies in our life

- 1 - The serpent, the Devil (Corruption in the world)
- 2 - The false prophets or false teachings of the Church. (Corruption of men)

ALL LIES COME FROM THE DEVIL.

Church is not at fault here, this is confusion or deception, but we need to watch out for lies EVERYWHERE. In the world and in church.

“The lies of the enemy tell us that we need something, but be careful...if you need to go outside of God to get something, you will have to stay outside of God to keep it

- Miles Mcphearson

CONSEQUENCES OF BELIEVING LIES:

- VERSE 3 - your pure and undivided devotion to Christ will be corrupted
- VERSE 4 - You go with what anyone tells you, even if they preach a different Jesus or a different Spirit (if we miss who Jesus is, we miss EVERYTHING. Story of RULES)

BLESSINGS OF BELIEVING THE TRUTH

Ephesians 4:12-15 - talking about pastors, prophets, and evangelists (ALL OF YOU) **12** Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ (**HELP THEM FIND THEIR IDENTITY**). **13** This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God’s Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. **14** Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won’t be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. **15** Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.