

THEME: WHO I AM IN CHRIST

TOPIC: BEAUTIFUL

TEXT: ECCLESIASTES 3:11 AMP; GENESIS 1:31; ROMANS 8:1-3;

INTRODUCTION

The issue of who we are in Christ is really a point of our identity in Him. Our journey of this subject will reveal the truth about who God created us to be and how He wants us to live!

God is so marvellous and wonderful that the only thing one can do is stand in awe of him! He made you beautifully—your heart beats, your lungs breathe, your brain controls what you think and feel, how you learn and remember, and the way you move and talk—you are an amazingly beautiful creature created by God for a reason, for a specific purpose.

1. I am fearfully and wonderfully made – Psalm 139:14

Q: What does knowledge of the above text do for your confidence in Christ?

2. Inward beauty is what truly matters — 1 Samuel 16:7

As displayed by a life lived for Christ. We have it. Through Christ we are beautiful.

Q: How do we truly get inward beauty?

3. Do not let your adorning be external — 1 Peter 3:3-4

Q: How do you balance looking good with the message in the above text?

4. You bear the image of God beautifully! — Zechariah 9:17a

In his book *In His Image*, Phillip Yancey said: We must return to the concept of likeness to understand the “image of God” we are intended to carry.....

Q: How can visible human beings express the image of God

5. Salvation is Not by Works — Ephesians 2:8-9

Salvation is NOT partly what God does and partly what you do. It’s entirely of God, and all we’ve got to do is simply thank Him. It’s a total letting go. A total surrender.

6. Striving to be like Jesus — Romans 8:17

As a Christian, we often see ourselves as sinners struggling every day to be more like Jesus. To have an identity in Christ means that we are defined by our relationship with Jesus Christ. We are no longer defined by our sins or our past. Instead, we are now children of God and joint heirs with Christ.

Conclusion

We certainly cannot look like God, sharing characteristic features of eyebrow or earlobe, for God is an invisible spirit..For us, the shell of skin and muscle and bones serves as a vessel, a repository for God's image.

We are not "mere mortals." We are, all of us, immortals. God is asking us to be the chief bearers of his likeness in the world. As spirit, God remains invisible on this planet, relying instead on us to give flesh to that spirit, to bear the image of God.

We bear the mark of the beauty of our Father!

Lord, please let this truth sink in deep. Help us to see and to believe in the need to trust you without reservation. Amen.

Confession

I am a new creature, born of God, into God's family. I am always abounding, because I have all sufficiency in all things, and abound unto every good work. I am a person who lets the peace of God rule in my heart and mind. Therefore, I am carefree about anything.