

Experiencing Hope and Joy in Your New Identity

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Hope and joy are experienced most when you allow the gospel to be your motivation for living out the purposes of your new identity.

1. Gospel identity:

- a. We are a _____ race.
- b. We are a _____ priesthood.
- c. We are a _____ nation.
- d. We are God's _____ people.

2. Gospel purposes:

- a. God has chosen us to _____ the excellencies of Christ found in the gospel.
- b. God has chosen us to _____ the excellencies of Christ found in the gospel.

3. Gospel motivation:

- a. We should respond because we have been _____.
- b. We should respond because we have been shown _____.

*The Letter to
God's Elect*



I Peter



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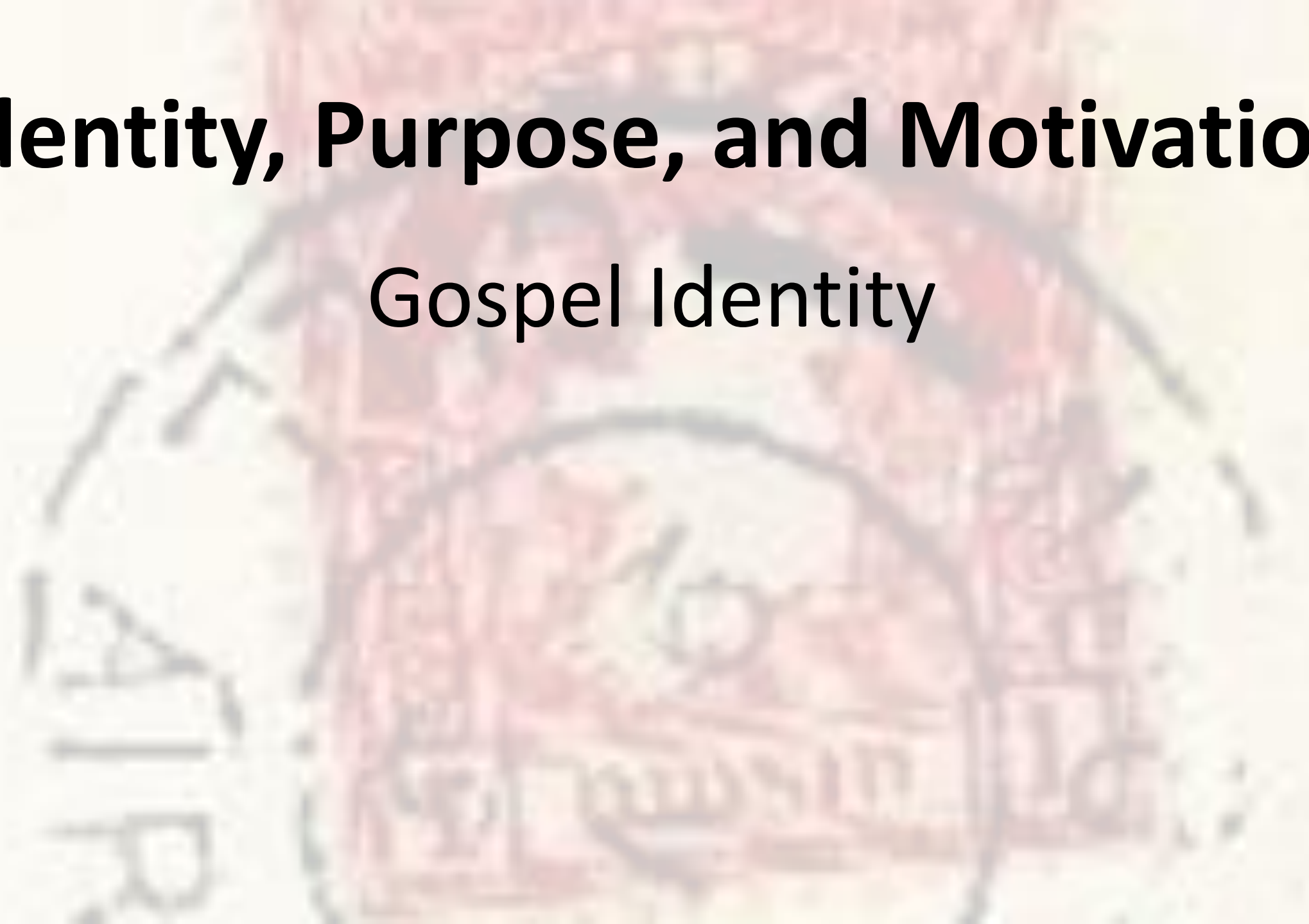
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Deuteronomy 10:14-15

Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven
and the highest heavens, the earth and all that is in it.
Yet on your fathers did the LORD set His affection to love them,
and He chose their descendants after them,
even you above all peoples, as it is this day.

In the gospel we see that God has set
His affection on **us** and has loved **us**
and caused **us** to be born again,
choosing **us** as descendants.

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Exodus 19:5-6

Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep
My covenant, then you shall be My own possession
among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine;

and **you shall be** to Me **a kingdom of priests** and a holy nation.

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In the gospel we see that God has made **us** the priests of His new temple, the Church, and has privileged **us** with the high calling of leading worship.

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In the gospel we see that He has given
to **us** a new citizenship and has
made **us** His holy nation.

Ephesians 2:19

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens,
but you are fellow citizens with the saints,
and are of God's household.

Philippians 3:20

For our citizenship is in heaven,
from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior,
the Lord Jesus Christ.

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*We are God's specially
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In the gospel we see that God has taken
us as His people and has formed
us into His treasured possession.

But...

just as God did not choose Israel
because they were so great,
He did not choose us
because we were so great.

Them...

Deuteronomy 7:7-8

The LORD **did not** set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but because the LORD loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers, the LORD brought you out by a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Us...

1 Corinthians 1:26-29

For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, and the base things of the world and the despised, God has chosen, the things that are not, that He might nullify the things that are, that no man should boast before God.

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*God has chosen us to **declare** the excellencies of Christ found in the gospel.*

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God's purpose for **us** is to tell all who will listen about the excellencies of Christ as seen in the gospel.

What are the excellencies of Christ found in the gospel?

Infinite...

Grace	Mercy	Peace	Power
Holiness	Justice	Impartiality	
Sacrifice	Self-denial	Self-control	Submission
Obedience	Kindness	Gentleness	Restraint
Faith	Hope	Joy	Quietness
Understanding	Sympathy	Humility	
Patience		Hospitality	Faithfulness
Strength	Service	Care	Compassion

Gospel Purpose

God has chosen us to declare the excellencies of Christ found in the gospel.

*God has chosen us to **display** the
excellencies of Christ found in the gospel.*

All of the commands in Peter's letter
are grounded in gospel truths...

1 Peter 1:14-15

As obedient children, do not be conformed
to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance,
but like the Holy One who called you,
be holy yourselves also in all your behavior.

1 Peter 1:22-23

Having purified your souls in obedience to the truth
for a sincere love of the brethren,
fervently love one another from the heart,
having been born again not of seed which is perishable
but imperishable...

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and are aimed at the display of
Christ's character in us.

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1 Peter 2:21

For you have been called for this purpose, **since Christ** also **suffered** for you, leaving you an example for **you** to **follow in His steps**.

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*We should respond because
we have been rescued.*

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Jesus' work to rescue us from the slavery of darkness should move us to respond to Him in loving obedience.

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Colossians 1:13

For **He delivered us from the domain of darkness,**
and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son...

Gospel Motivation

We should respond because we have been rescued.

*We should respond because
we have been shown grace.*

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The gospel vividly reveals the amazing grace given to us and should move us to respond in grace to others.

Implications

There can be no greater source of hope...
no greater source of joy...
no greater source for motivation in godliness,
than the gospel...
because in it we see the
excellencies of Christ.

Do you know how to meditate
on and revel in the gospel?