



“Gospel Identity”

Ephesians 2:4-5

"But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved."

The Bible describes God as rich (having an over abundance) in many things like mercy, grace, and love, and anything He is rich in He generously pours out on us. And the greatest expression of His grace, mercy, and love is Jesus...it's the Gospel. And now in Jesus we find our Gospel identity and our mission!

Gospel Identity: Family of Servant Missionaries

As **family**, we are loved children of our Father, God.

As **servants**, we serve like Jesus with a nothing beneath me mentality.

As **missionaries**, we are sent to take hope to people who are far from God.

The Gospel of Jesus says many more things about our identity. The Gospel says that we are loved, forgiven, chosen, safe, we belong, we are included, honored, valued, of infinite worth, and created with a purpose.

Sadly, because of brokenness in the world, we call sin, most of us are not living in this Gospel identity. Instead there are other words that we may use to describe our life. Words like hopeless, without purpose, without meaning, unloved, unworthy, of no value, broken, guilty, ashamed, with no direction, lost, rejected, excluded, and dishonored.

Today, I want to give you Good News. I once described my life with words like these, until I heard the Good News of the Gospel. God loved me so much that Jesus came to Earth like a missionary to restore me to my purpose and identity. Jesus was God in the flesh. He wore our clothes, ate our food, and joined our celebrations. Jesus came for more than that though. He came to save me and you from our sins.

Jesus came to restore us to the people that we were created to be. Today I want you to know that you can be a part of our family of servant missionaries. You can exchange the negative words you use to describe yourself to new words. Words that God has said about you. What we call a Gospel identity.

God is generously offering everyone of us the free gift of salvation by His grace.

Pray: God, I know that my own sin has defined me. Words like fear, shame, and regret. Today I realize that God has created me and has the right to define me. I choose to follow Jesus now and forever. I want to embrace my Gospel identity as a dearly loved child of God. In Jesus' name. Amen.



Disciple Tip

Disciples believe a different story about the world. A narrative that the Gospel is redeeming humanity.