

Genesis 1:26-31; 1 Corinthians 15:35-51; Luke 24:36-49

- **The value of our identity has been under attack since Eden!**

- Mankind was created differently than any other creature. (Genesis 1:26-27)
- Our identity is tied more intimately to our Creator than our sexuality!
 - We were created first in God’s image, and second as male and female.
 - The core identity that we have in God’s image is greater than the individual identities that divide us.
 - Satan does more work to distort and warp the value of our identity in God’s image than he does anywhere else in our lives.
- The Devil aims to keep the value of our identity bound to the weakness of our flesh.

- **Our identity was redeemed with Christ’s innocent death upon the cross.**

- When man’s identity and worth are reduced to OUR image instead of God’s we make objects out of each other.
 - Our differences become the categories that we identify ourselves and each other with.
 - We desperately need a way to see past the brokenness of our identities and embrace that image of God within every man, woman, and child.
 - On this side of eternity, death is the ‘Great Equalizer’ of every identity but God’s!
- Your worth is more than anything defined by man!
- The ‘seeds’ that we sow produce fruit that looks like us... (Genesis 5:1-3)
...the ‘seed’ that God sows reflects HIS image that we were created in! (1 Cor 15:42-49)

- **The battle over your identity and worth ENDS in Christ!**

- The shadows of our self-worth are redeemed in the resurrection of Jesus!
 - He chose to look and live like us and love us in the image that God gave us! (Luke 24:39)
 - We care for identity and worth differently because of Christ! (Luke 24:41-43)
 - By the work of the Holy Spirit in Baptism, we are covered in the identity of Jesus Christ!
- We are called to live a better way that places the value of every man, woman, and child in the same image of God that we were created in!
- Our worth is made plain in the ways that God bears HIS Light through us!

