

The New Me . . . in Christ

My New Identity – Colossians 2:6-15 (p. 984)

How are you . . . really? Would it be impolite to ask, *Who* are you . . . really? Strip away all the externals and reveal the core you. Who are you there? Happy with who you see? You're looking at your "identity."

The Apostle Paul, writing to Christians in the 1st century town of Colossae, drills down on the question of identity. Your "old identity," cultivated from birth, is at best incomplete and at worst grotesque. You need a complete and beautiful "new identity." It's yours for the taking. Too good to be true? It would be, if not that it's God who gives it to you, and yours when you place your faith firmly in One who made it possible. The "new me" has a "new identity" . . . "in Christ."

Establishing My New Identity "in Christ" (2:6-7)

Guarding My New Identity "in Christ" (2:8-9)

Rehearsing My New Identity "in Christ" (2:10-15)

*For in Him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,
and you have been filled in Him.*

Colossians 2:10-11a