

Who Am I? Identity is found in what you are.  
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- I. Intro
  - A. If I were to ask you, "Who are you?" what would you say?
    1. You might give me a relationship to someone else.
    2. You might give me an occupation or function to connect dots.
    3. You might deflect the questions. It's not an easy one to answer.
    4. Reverse it. Who am I? (ask them to answer)
  - B. Identity. What identifies you? (same as above). Two options most significant.
    1. Christian. One of Christ's. You belong to Him, you are in Him, He is in you.
    2. Not a Christian, separated from God no matter how good you think you are.
    3. What's the difference? Your nature. Not what you do, what you are. Identity is found in what you are.
      - a) While what you do reflects what you are, doesn't always =
      - b) Sleep in a garage doesn't make you a car.
  - C. Going to talk about the nature of who/what we are. Going to illustrate with Spiderman. Me, movies, and Jesus.
- II. Clip 1 - the old nature
  - A. What we observe
    1. Compared to everyone else he is a dweeb.
    2. While he may be a dweeb compared to his peers, he's really on the same level. All normal, all human, all about self.
    3. He's not Spiderman. He can't be more than he is. None of them can.
  - B. Biblical truth
    1. Romans 3:10-18, 23. What does 23 mean? Doing or being? Being results in doing.
      - a) Begins in Genesis. On to 6:5.
      - b) Romans 1:18-32
      - c) Wanna talk doing? 10-link chain thing. 600+ commands!
    2. Isaiah 64:6. Our best is grosser than gross. Right standing.
    3. Apart from God we are fallen, we are unclean, we deserve Hell, and there isn't anything we can do on our own to fix it.
- III. Clip 2 - the change of nature
  - A. What we observe
    1. Is it something he did? Did the change come from him? No, it came from outside. He couldn't make it happen.
    2. The change was from the inside out, not the outside in.
    3. It changed the way he saw things.
    4. He was no longer just Peter Parker, he was more, he was new.
  - B. Biblical truth
    1. Romans 3:21-26.
      - a) We can't make or earn righteousness, but God can give us his righteousness.
      - b) This righteousness is available to all because all need it.

- c) It comes to us by means of Jesus, whose blood takes away our unrighteousness and gives us His.
  - d) The result is that we are justified. Just as if I'd never done it.
  - 2. Galatians 2:20 Change from the inside out.
  - 3. 1 John 2:15-17 New vision, seeing the world as it is.
  - 4. 2 Corinthians 5:17 Not just what you were, more, brand new.
- IV. Clip 3 - the realization of the new nature
- A. What we observe
    - 1. Suddenly able to do things he couldn't before.
    - 2. Notices differences in himself.
    - 3. His new abilities get him into trouble.
    - 4. He begins to experience his world differently.
    - 5. He has strength to overcome where before he was weak.
    - 6. He finds himself set apart from others.
    - 7. Once he begins to figure out what's going on, he has freedom, he's excited, and he goes for it.
  - B. Biblical truth
    - 1. Lame man healed in Acts 3. Could now walk, and more.
    - 2. After Peter and John were arrested, the church prayed and were thankful for being counted worthy of persecution.
    - 3. Joy at freedom from idols (what they represent) and sin throughout Acts.
    - 4. 1 John 4:4, overcome, greater is He that is in you. (no slide)
  - C. My loss of friends. My experiences with Bible study and ADPi.
- V. The reality of the new nature.
- A. Conflict between old and new nature.
  - B. When you know how to recognize the difference between the two, how to be in Christ, your life will never be the same.