**SERMON SHEET 8/11/24**

**Education Sunday (continued)**

**“Making Confident Disciples, part 2”**

**Text: Psalm 27:1-3**

I. Introduction & review

1. What do you think is the greatest need within the church?
2. What is the most important mark of a disciple of Christ?

II. The need to know our identity in Christ

1. We are image-bearing creatures.
2. We are welcomed sinners.
3. We are adopted children.
4. We are redeemed servants.
5. We are growing disciples.
6. We are eternal family members.
7. We are joint heirs.
8. We are heavenly citizens.
9. We are displaced pilgrims.
10. We are active soldiers.

III. The blessings of knowing our identity in Christ

1. We will experience Word-based stability.
2. We will possess Christ-centered dignity.
3. We will handle world-generated hostility.

V. Conclusion – a final word

**QUOTES**

1. Paul Tautges:

* *By resting in the gracious acceptance that already belongs to us in Jesus, rather than striving for a superficial counterfeit, we are set free from bondage to the opinion of others and able to obey the Lord with courage.*
* *In Christ, God not only rescued us from the condemnation of the law but brought us into His loving family where we are meant to enjoy the full privileges of mature sonship.*

2. Scotty Smith:

*All of us especially look forward to the Day when we will hear your unfiltered laugh—a*laughter*that currently fills the courts of heaven and the chambers of eternity. Indeed, there’s no consternation or vexation in heaven; just peace and joy over the unfolding of your perfect plan, written with the ink of your grace.*

*Abba, please make your joy, merriment, and triumph over evil more real to us than ever. We are grateful for your promise that in “*a little while*” all wickedness will be gone forever. Selfishly, and understandably, we wish you’d give us the year and month when this promise will be completely fulfilled. That would be awesome.*

*But thank you for giving us the date it was fully*secured*—when Jesus died in our place and was raised for our justification. The devil was defeated (Col.2:15), and evil was given an expiration date. Demons increasingly tremble (James 2:19), and you laugh even louder.*

3. Sinclair Ferguson:

*Creatures under reconstruction, sinners experiencing forgiveness, children enjoying their Father, joyful servants, disciples following their Master Teacher, brothers and sisters loving and caring for each other, heirs with a blessed present and a glorious future, citizens of a better country, pilgrims who realize that this world is not our home, soldiers who understand that we live in a war zone – this is our identity.*

**SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE**

* **John 8:31**
* **Gen. 1:27; Rom. 15:7; 2 Cor. 3:17-18**
* **Phil. 1:6; Phil. 2:13; Eph. 2:10; 2 Cor. 5:17**
* **Gal. 4:4-7; John 20:17**
* **1 Cor. 6:19-20; Rom. 14:7-8; Titus 2:14**
* **Luke 6:40; Ps. 119:12**
* **Eph. 1:5; Rom. 8:29**
* **Rom. 8:15-17; 1 Pet. 1:3-5**
* **Phil. 3:20-21**
* **1 John 2:15-17**
* **2 Tim. 2:3-4; Rom. 8:37; Ps. 2:4’ PS. 37:12-13**