**SERMON SHEET 8/25/24**

**Education Sunday (continued)**

**“The Blessings of Knowing Our Identity”**

**Text: Psalm 119:49-56**

I. Introduction & review

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.

II. The blessings of knowing our identity in Christ

1. We will handle world-generated hostility.
2. We will possess Christ-centered dignity.
3. We will experience Word-based stability.
   1. We will readily acknowledge God’s undeserved grace.
   2. We will gratefully receive two much-needed gifts.
   3. We will openly display three attractive heart attitudes.

III. Conclusion – a final word

**QUOTES**

1. 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.*

2. Puritan prayer:

*What shall I give Thee for all Thy benefits? I am in a strait betwixt two, knowing not what to do; I long to make some return, but have nothing to offer, and can only rejoice that thou doest all, that none in heaven or on earth shares Thy honor; I can of myself do nothing to glorify Thy blessed name, but I can through grace cheerfully surrender soul and body to Thee.*

*I know that Thou art the Author and Finisher of faith, that the whole work of redemption is Thine alone, that every good work or thought found in me is the effect of Thy power and grace, that Thy sole motive in working in me to will and to work is for Thy good pleasure.*

**SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE**

* **Ps. 27:1-3**
* **Luke 12:32**
* **Matthew 10:22; Mark 13:1; Luke 21:17; Luke 6:22; John 15:18-19**
* **1 Pet. 2:9; Rom. 8:37; Eph. 2:10**
* **Is. 33:5-6**
* **John 6:63; John 15:5; Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Cor. 4:7; 1 Cor. 15:10**
* **Rom. 15:4**
* **James 1:2-4**
* **Ps. 19:157; Ps. 44:17; Job 23:8-12**
* **Zeph. 3:17**