**SERMON SHEET 8/4/24**

**Education Sunday**

**“Making Confident Disciples”**

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

I. Introductory words

II. The need for true disciples of Christ

III. The need for confident disciples of Christ

IV. 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.

V. Conclusion – a final word

**QUOTES**

1. Paul Tautges:

* *When we believe that we are already accepted by God, we are freed from the fear of man – the pressure to please other people more than we please God. This belief also dampens our temptation to conform ourselves to the world so it will embrace us.*
* *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. Paul David Tripp:

* *We weren’t designed to get our primary identity horizontally. Vertical consciousness, that is, our awareness of God and our calling to live for Him, was meant to be at the core of how we think about who we are and what we were meant to do.*
* *I am so thankful for who I am as a child of God and that nothing can take this identity away from me… I cannot be reminded enough that I am in Him and He is in me, that I am deeply more than my job, my friendships, my family, my possessions, or my success. The most important thing about me, the thing that defines me and motivates me to do what I do, is that I am eternally a child of God, by grace united to the Son.*

**SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE**

* **Heb. 2:1, 3; Heb. 3:6, 12-14; Heb. 4:1, 11; Heb. 6:1, 11-12**
* **Eccl. 7:8; Matt. 7:24-25Rom. 6:4-5**
* **Gen. 1:27; Rom. 15:7; 2 Cor. 3:17-18**
* **Gal. 4:4-7; John 20:17**
* **1 Cor. 6:19-20; Rom. 14:7-8; Titus 2:14**
* **Luke 6:40Ps. 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**