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Sermon Notes | John 1:12-13; Romans 8:15-17

**Message discussion:** What stood out to you in this week's message? Questions? A way God moved you to respond?

**Passage reflection:** Read John 1:12-13; Romans 8:15-17 . What stands out to you in these verses? Is there something you hear God saying to you? How can you respond to what He is saying?

**1.** Read the following verses: John 1:12-13; Ephesians 2:8-10; Romans 3:27-28. Do we obtain our identity in Christ through our work or by grace? How do these verses connect to the idea of resting in our identity in Christ?

**2.** Read Romans 8:15-17. Paul says that, as Christians, we haven't received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again. Fear of what...what kind of fear is he talking about? What solution to our fear does he give us in these verses? List some things other than Christ that we can be tempted to look to as a source of significance and meaning in life. Read Matthew 6:19-21 & Philippians 3:7-9.

**3.** List some things other than Christ that we can be tempted to look to as a source of significance and meaning in life. Read Matthew 6:19-21 & Philippians 3:7-9. What is the place you most often tempted to find your identity instead of resting in Christ?

**4.** Read 1 John 3:1-3 & Psalm 103:11-14. Do you feel confident in God's passionate love for you regardless of your Christian "performance"? How do you feel He sees you... as a dirty child covered by grace, or as a fully righteous child approved and beloved?