

“And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’” *Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV)*

“He said to them, ‘It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.’” *Acts 1:7-8 (ESV)*

1. Our spiritual DNA, *not* our physical DNA, _____ our identity.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.” *2 Corinthians 5:17-20 (ESV)*

“So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.” *Matthew 10:32-33(ESV)*

“And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God, but the one who denies me before men will be denied before the angels of God.” *Luke 12:8-9 (ESV)*

“For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.” *Mark 8:38 (ESV)*

2. Our identity in Jesus _____

our active identification with Him.

“And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done.” *Romans 1:28 (ESV)*

3. Sharing the gospel with others is what true friends of Jesus _____.

“You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.” *John 15:14-15 (ESV)*

A) Consume God’s word with joy, knowing you belong to Him

“Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts.” *Jeremiah 15:16 (ESV)*

B) In existing relationships, practice acknowledging Jesus

“Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress.” *1 Timothy 4:15 (ESV)*

C) In new relationships, establish them on spiritual terms.

“Agrippa said to Paul, ‘Are you going to persuade me to become a Christian so easily?’ ‘I wish before God,’ replied Paul, ‘that whether easily or with difficulty, not only you but all who listen to me today might become as I am — except for these chains.’” *Acts 26:28-29 (CSB)*