



Christian Identity

Matthew 5:13-16

Addressing the term 'Christian Identity'

- The theme for January is 'Christian Identity'. I did not choose the themes or their titles, I only selected a Bible reading plan to follow for 2023.
- *You should be aware*, there is a religious sect that uses the term 'Christian Identity' to identify themselves. The group is white supremacist in nature, espousing that only Celtic and Germanic people are the true seed of Abraham.
- This is a **false doctrine** (Genesis 22:18; Galatians 3:8) and *those who espouse such are **false teachers***.
- They have been associated with racism, antisemitism and domestic terrorism.
- The scriptures prohibit such doctrines and actions, and I denounce any association with or sympathy for them (Acts 10:34-35; Ephesians 2:13-14).
- The *name* of this month's theme is **strictly coincidental!**

What is 'Christian Identity'?



- For the purposes of our Bible reading and this lesson we are referring to *Biblical characteristics that identify Christians as the people of God.*
 - Matthew 5:13 – The salt of the earth
 - Matthew 5:14 – The light of the world
 - Matthew 5:14 – A city that is set on a hill
 - Matthew 5:16 – Let your light shine
 - Matthew 10:32-33 – Whoever confesses Me before men

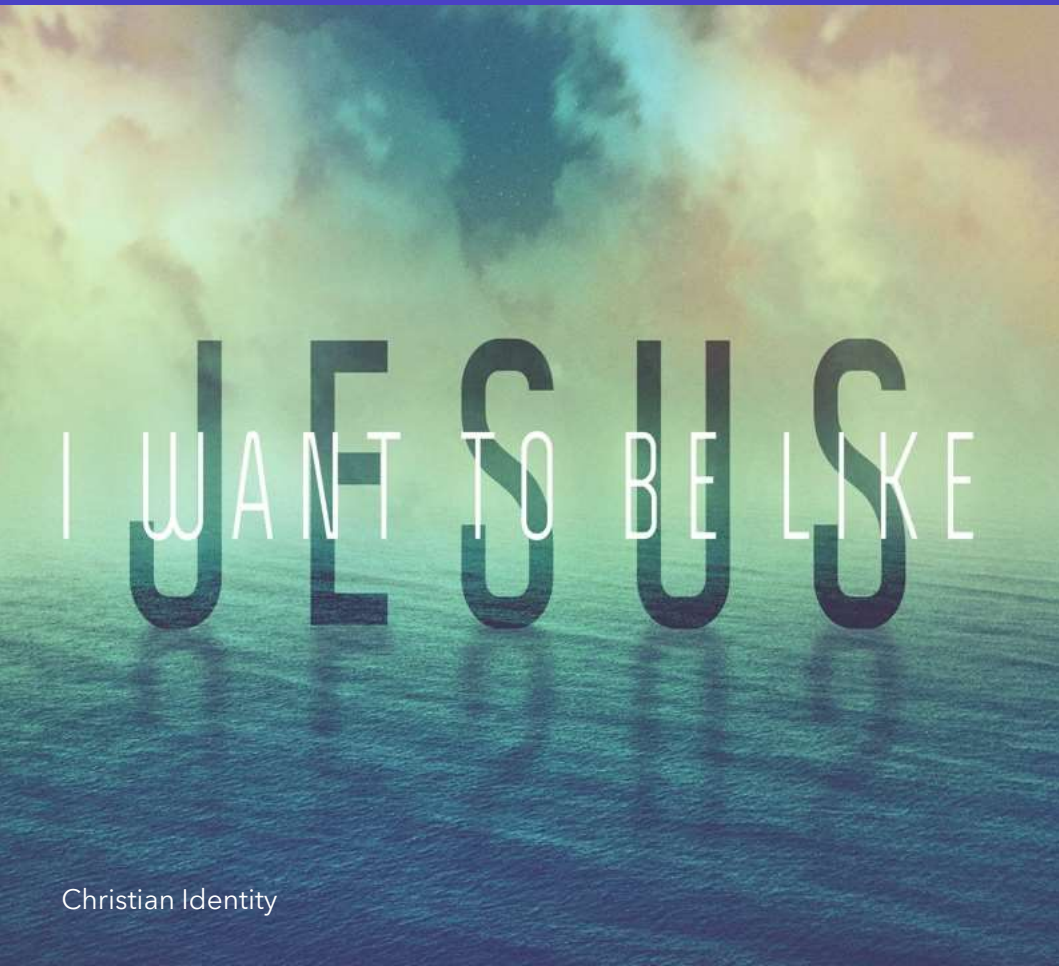
Who Determines Our Identity

- God chose Israel in Abraham - Deuteronomy 7:7-8
- God also chose us in Christ - Ephesians 2:11-19; Titus 2:14; 1 John 3:1-3
- We are predestined - Romans 8:29-30
 - **God has determined our Identity** - vs. 29
 - We were foreknown
 - We were predestined
 - We were called
 - We were justified
 - We are glorified in Christ



"You did not choose Me, I chose you..."

What is Our Identity?



- To be transformed from the image of the world (Romans 12:1-2);
- To be conformed to the image of His Son - Romans 8:29
- **To be like Christ** - Matthew 10:24-25; John 23:14-15; 1 Corinthians 11:1; Ephesians 5:2; 1 Peter 1:13-16; 2:21; Philippians 2:5; 1 John 2:29
- To be a Christian means to be a follower of Christ, to be like Christ.
- To reveal the righteousness of God in us. Romans 1:16-17

