

RADIANT IDENTITY, PT 2 - RPC 9

Ephesians 6:10–17 (Fresh Start Bible, Pg 1046)

Who am I? What is your identity?

Identity is a progress bar not a color gradient bar, evolving in color as we become more self-aware.

Ephesians 4:11-16 (Fresh Start Bible, Pg 1043)

Radiant People are marked by the identity of Christ, putting on His full armor.

Isaiah 59:12-17 (Fresh Start Bible, Pg 618)

God's Armor is our identity:

(1) Belt of Truth

(2) Body Armor of Righteousness

(3) Shoes of Peace

(4) Shield of Faith

Hebrews 11:1-2, 6 (Fresh Start Bible, Pg1087)

(5) Helmet of Salvation

[Rom 8:29-31; Ep 2:4-9; Titus 3:4–7: Heb 5:9]

(6) Sword of Spirit which is God's Word.

Hebrews 4:12 (Fresh Start Bible, Pg 1083)

Communion with God establishes our radiant identity as a child of God.

PRACTICING THE WAY

As disciples of Jesus, we know our allegiance to Him as King is expressed in our daily practice. We are not pursuing perfection, but want to practice our faith each day. These practices will point you toward spiritual formation as an apprentice (disciple) to Jesus.

Start the Fresh Start Pathway with a friend.

Recite the Radiant Liturgy each morning:

We are the radiant people of God. We are consumed with the preeminence, purity, and beauty of the holy God who was before the beginning. He provided Redemption for us, making a way into a relationship that produces unimaginable renewal in our lives, and eventually, the world itself. So we gather to encounter His presence and be transformed into the radiant people of God. We are His apprentices and ambassadors. We are full of joy and peace and love. We are the people of God in full pursuit of the person of Jesus, the power of His presence, and actively walking in the pathway of His teachings. We long to see Him create renewal in the place we live. We are passionate about Jesus. We are radiant.

Talk it Over (with friends, a spouse, or connect group)

- Read Ephesians 6:10-17. What do you notice within this passage?
- Sunday's message was about living in your radiant identity. What was one big idea or application you took away from the message?
- God has adopted us into His family, calling us His children. How does that influence the way you interact with God?
- Read Isaiah 59:1-20. What can we learn from this passage?
- There are six pieces of the armor of God. Which piece of our new identity in Christ do you need to mature in or embrace more?
- Read Romans 8:29-31. What do these verses tell us?