

THE HOPE

Part 2: Recognizing Your New Identity

TEXT: Ephesians 1:18-19 NKJ

OUR SOLID IDENTITY

- We are called to a new higher identity (***Colossians 2:6-7 NKJ***)
 1. Our roots are to be in Christ
 2. We identify by faith
- Our new higher identity in Christ
 1. Not subject to external conditions
 2. Higher than physical realities
 3. Becomes the basis for our functioning in God's kingdom (***Colossians 3:9-13 NKJ***)

A PICTURE OF AN IDENTITY CHANGE (***2 Samuel 9:1-5 NKJ***)

- David's desire
 1. To show kindness to Saul's house
 2. A desire based on his love for Jonathan (Saul's son)
- David's covenant with Jonathan
 1. Was not something that was entered into lightly
 2. Would not only include Jonathan but his entire household
- David brought Mephibosheth out
 1. And Mep had nothing to offer David
 2. David took Mep from a negative situation
- A picture of God's love
 1. God's desire / love for mankind
 2. God initiated the move to bring us to Himself (***Romans 5:6 NKJ***)
 3. God took us from a negative situation (***Ephesians 2:11-13 NKJ***)