



Heritage Alliance Church

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Authentic Identity

“A New Family”

“So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God’s holy people. You are members of God’s family. Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord.” Ephesians 2:19-21

Identity – In Christ you are now a child of God – You Are Adopted

“But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,” Philippians 3:20

“...you received God’s Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, ‘Abba, Father.’ For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God’s children.” Romans 8:15-16

“Anyone who does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother, sister and mother!” Matthew 12:50

The expression of God’s family now is the Church / The Body of Christ

Our Identity in Christ is connected to a community – **We are the Church**

“All of you together are the one body of Christ and each of you is a separate and necessary part of it.” 1 Corinthians. 12:27

*“I give each of you this warning: **Don’t think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves**, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us. Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, ⁵so it is with Christ’s body. **We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.**”* Romans 12:3-5

I am S.H.A.P.E.D. for serving others as the Body of Christ – Philippians 2:1-8

- Spiritual Gifts

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us. A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.” 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

- Heart / Passion

“For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.” Philippians 2:13

- Abilities

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10

- Personality
- Experiences

“He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.” 2 Corinthians 1:4

- Deposit / Investment

“...to those who use well what they are given, even more will be given. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away.” Luke 19:11-26

“And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need.” Acts 2:44-45