

# Good News From Chardon

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## Your Identity in Jesus Christ

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Do not forget these words: You are not who people say you are and not even who you feel you are! You are who God says you are!

Few things in life shape a person like the words used to describe them. I will never forget the first time someone called me a preacher. I almost panicked and was visibly shaken by those words. I will always remember being told that I was a loser and would never amount to anything. Words have a way of changing the way we see ourselves that is both good and bad.

To make matters worse, we cannot unhear the things that people have said about us, but we can choose to replace those words with what God says about us. As soon as you can, take some time and meditate on these passages. Each one speaks powerfully to your identity in Jesus Christ.

You are royalty – 1 John 3:1-2. In this passage, we see our new standing given to us in Jesus Christ. You are the Child of God, who has been lavished with all of His love and blessings. Do not ever accept that you are anything less than royalty, meant to rule this life as conquerors (Rom. 8:37).

You are righteous – 2 Corinthians 5:21. Maybe people do not see you as special, as this great, holy Christian. Perhaps you don't see yourself as some great Christian. Perhaps you've had a long history of being less than Christ-like (join the crowd), but God looks at you and says that you have become His Righteousness. He sees you as special, righteous, and holy.

You are wonderfully made – Psalm 139:13-16. When God looks at you, He sees you as beautiful and perfect in every way. You do not need to impress anyone with your looks or accomplishments. You are His creation, and that makes you the most important person in this world. Do not let anything take that away from you.

You are His masterpiece (Eph. 2:10), Heirs to God's Kingdom (James 2:5), and have been given every Spiritual Blessing in Christ Jesus (Eph. 1:3). You have been gifted and empowered by God (1 Peter 4:10-11) so that you lack nothing in this life. You have everything needed to be a great Child of God (2 Peter 1:3-4).

You have invaluable in Christ, not because of what you have done but because of what Jesus did for you. When it comes to understanding and owning your identity in Christ, the biggest roadblock will be your own feelings. Just remember...

You are not who people say you are!

You are not who you feel you are!

You are who He says you are!

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### Schedule of Services:

**Greeting:** Larry

**Song Leader:** Ray

**Opening Hymn:**

24—Blessed Hour of Prayer

**Opening Prayer:**

Dale

**Hymn:**

89—Will You Not Tell It Today

**Scripture Reading:**

Ryan

2 Corinthians 5:12-21

**Hymn:**

298—Jesus Calls Us

**Lord's Supper:**

Dale

**Hymn:**

142—I'll Put Jesus First

**Sermon:** Larry

**Invitation Hymn:**

625—Why Not Now

**Closing Hymn:**

245—Only In The

**Closing Prayer:**

David

**PRAYER LIST**

\*Wanda and her family. Her mother in hospice care at home..  
 \*Mary's niece Treuly who is hospitalized with MS.  
 \*Kathy is having vision problems.  
 \*Nina's MRI showed no new injuries..  
 \*Tom and Nina's friend Steve is undergoing radiation treatments.  
 \*Zarna's father passed away last week.  
 \*Larry and Ruth.  
 \*Pat and Ron and their daughters.  
 \*Juanita's sister Betty.  
 \*Mary and her family.  
 \*Robert and Sara  
 \*Juanita and her family  
 \*Ray and Barbara  
 \*Dale continued safety at work.  
 \*Ray, Rebecca, and Steven.  
 \*Myron & Carole  
 \*Margaret and her family.  
 \*Mark and his family. Mark is in quarantine due to possible exposure to the virus.

**CALENDAR**

Aug. 9—Worship 11 am  
 Speaker: Larry  
 Aug. 9—Bible Study 6 pm  
 on-line  
 Aug. 9—a. Ray & Rebecca  
 Aug. 16—Worship 11 am  
 Speaker: Larry  
 Aug. 16—Bible Study 6 pm  
 on-line  
 Aug. 14—a. Robert & Sara

**Be Reconciled to God**

Scripture Reference: 2 Corinthians 5:12—21

ACCORDING	AGAIN	AMBASSADORS	ANSWER
ANYONE	APPEARANCE	BECAUSE	BECOME
BEHALF	BEHOLD	BESIDE	CHRIST
COMMEND	COMMITTED	COMPELS	CREATION
HIMSELF	IMPLORE	IMPUTING	LONGER
MINISTRY	OPPORTUNITY	OURSELVES	PASSED
PLEADING	RECONCILED	REGARD	RIGHTEOUSNESS
THEREFORE	THINGS	THROUGH	TRESPASSES

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Hidden Message: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Answer to Puzzle: He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

**The road to success is always under construction.**

**SUNDAY: Worship — 11:00 am; Bible Study — 6:00 pm (on Zoom);**

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