

# Sermon Handout: Church Split Week 3

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Central Church of Christ

## Gender Identity: Compassion & Truth

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### Main Points:

**1. Creation in the image of God is the foundation of our identity.**

The biblical view of identity contrasts sharply with cultural narratives that promote self-pride and superficial worth, emphasizing our profound identity in God's image.

**2. Sin introduced a disconnect between our minds and bodies.**

Sin has a broad impact on our fallen world. Our own sinful choices lead to a distorted self-image and identity. The sins can create wounds that distort how we see ourselves and our value. Even our own misperceptions and misunderstandings about how others feel about us can lead to insecurity and identity struggles.

**3. In Christ, we become new creations and find our true identity.**

Jesus offers hope and transformation, no matter our struggles. We can now turn to Christ and experience a real transformation of our heart and mind that last for all eternity.

**Bottom Line:** Compassion and truth will lead us to find our identity in Christ.

**Remember:** Jesus guides us with compassion and truth. And we are called to reflect Jesus' love and truth in our interactions. We need to have empathy and compassion as we speak the truth in love.

### Family Discussion Questions:

1. How can we show compassion and understanding to those struggling with their identity?
2. What does it mean to be created in the image of God, and how does that shape our identity?
3. How can we, as a family, reflect Jesus' grace and truth in our interactions with others?
4. In what ways can we support each other in finding our true identity in Christ?

**Scripture References:** Genesis 1:27; Psalm 139:13-14; Romans 1:21-24; Romans 7:21-25; 2 Corinthians 5:17-19; John 1:17

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