

EPISODE: 231 TITLE: How Baptism Shapes our Identity and Culture

Whether we are aware of it or not, everyone is being "baptized" into an understanding of who they are and their true value in this world.

Here are three things to believe and consider about the sacrament of Christian baptism:

- The lie of the dominant culture is that what you produce, consume, and acquire equals your true value. This puts us under the heavy weight of a DO=BE existence that crushes the soul and breeds fear and separation between us. Our true, restored identity is secure in what Jesus has *already done* and accomplished at the Cross!
- 2. When we operate out of our gospel identity-believing that we are God's beloved children and that our heavenly Dad is really pleased with us-we can live in freedom and deeper connection to others, seeing everyone as part of the same divine family. No longer do we need to prove our worth or importance or earn our Father's affection, we can live fully embracing this.
- 3. Pay attention to how often water is present and its importance in your daily life. Let it remind you, like the sacrament of your baptism, that you are now immersed into your true and restored trinitarian identity. You can now live as a full-fledged member of God's family of missionary servants, sent as a disciple of Jesus into your world to make more disciples...filling the world with God's glory.

In light of this topic you may also enjoy: Is the Medium Really the Message?

Thanks for listening... we'll see you in the next episode! *Caesar & Heath*