

# Message



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# What Identity Do You Want Chiseled



# What Is Your Identity?

- **Christian** – “Those of the Party of Christ” / **Christianos** [5546]
  - Acts 11:26 ...they were call Christians in Antioch..
  - Acts 26:28 ...You almost persuade me to become a Christian...
  - I Peter 4:16 ...If anyone suffers as a Christian...
  - Persecution had forced many believers from Jerusalem, and they scattered to various areas, taking the gospel with them.



# What Is Your Identity?

- **Disciple – “Student of Christ” / Mathetes [3101]**
  - Matthew 5:1 ...His disciples came to Him..
  - Matthew 10:24-25 ...disciple is not above his teacher...
  - John 15:8 ...so you will be My disciples...
  - The word "disciple" comes from the Latin "discipulus," which means "student".



# What Is Your Identity?

- **Elect – “Chosen” / Eklektos [1588]**
  - I Peter 1:1-2 ...elect according...God the Father..
  - **Matthew 24:22-24, 31 ...for the elect’s sake...**
  - Romans 8:33...elect of God...
  - **Colossians 3:12-14**
  - They are called the “elect” because that word denotes “determining beforehand,” “ordaining,” “deciding ahead of time.”



# What Is Your Identity?

- **Firstfruits – “First of Crop” / Apache [536]**
  - **Romans 8:22-23 ... firstfruits of the Spirit...**
  - **I Corinthians 15:20-21...Christ is the firstfruit of those asleep...**
  - **James 1:18...firstfruits of His creatures...**
  - **Revelation 14:4 ...firstfruits to God and the Lamb**



# What Is Your Identity?

- **Saints – “Consecrated” / Hagios**  
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  - **Romans 1:7 ... called to be saints...**
  - **I Corinthians 1:2 ...called to be saints...**
  - **Philippians 1:1 ...saints in Christ...**
  - **Colossians 1:2, 4, 12, 26 ...saints and faithful brethren in Christ...**



# Application: What Is Your Identity?

- **Both predestination and personal responsibility are true**
  - **God is completely in control**
  - **Humanity makes choices and is completely accountable for those choices.**
  - **Choose the identity of God's Family / "What gets measured; gets done."**

