

# **New Normal: A Transformed Church Before a Watching World Our Transformed Identity**

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Titus 1:1-4

**Big Idea: Transformed People Live Transformed Lives**

## Sermon questions

1. People often hear different aspects of a message. What did you hear in Pastor Jack's message that made it personal to you?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Read **Titus 1:1-4**. How does Paul describe himself?

Read v.1 in two or three other Bible versions. How do these versions add to your understanding of how Paul saw himself?

3. Paul uses the term "servant of God" or "slave of God" to describe himself. Why do you suppose he used this phrase?

Would you describe yourself this way? Why, or why not?

4. The term “apostle” means “one who is sent”. God had specifically commissioned Paul with unique authority in his role as an apostle. How does **Titus 1:1-4** reveal Paul’s role as one sent by God?

Though not with the same authority as Paul, all believers are “sent” (see **Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:18-20**). Where has God “sent” you? How have you seen God use you?

5. Pastor Jack pointed out that Paul’s humility preceded his authority. Do you agree? Explain.

How does **James 4:6-10** help you understand God’s opinion on humility and pride?

6. Read **Colossians 2:8-10**. What does Paul say here is true about the identity of those who are “in Christ”?

From what or who do people derive their identity? How are these sources of identity “hollow and deceptive?” (**Colossians 2:8**)

From what or who do you derive your identity?

How does that affect the way you think about yourself and the way you live your life?

7. How do you need to deepen your understanding of your identity as a follower of Christ? How can your group pray for you?

## **Read the Bible this year**

Pastor Brad encouraged us to read the Bible in 2020. Here's some help getting started. Each day this week read from the Old and New Testament. Or, if you prefer, read just from one testament. Enjoy!

- **2 Chronicles 7-9**
- **2 Chronicles 10-12; John 11**
- **2 Chronicles 13-14**
- **2 Chronicles 15-16; John 12**
- **2 Chronicles 17-18; John 13**
- **2 Chronicles 19-20**
- **2 Chronicles 21-22; John 14**