**Identity**

Deuteronomy 7:6-11

Who am I?

1. **Holy to the Lord (v. 6a)**
2. Set apart from the world
3. Set apart to God

**Our identity as Christians:**

Changed thinking

Changed living

1. **Chosen from all people (v. 6b)**

Are unbelievers lost? Four typical responses:

Universalism: all religions are equal and have part of the truth. There are many ways to God. We will all make it. Just follow your religion.

Relativism: No universal truth. Each religion is true for its own people.

Inclusivism: Christianity is the supreme religion. There is some truth in other religions. People can be saved if they follow the light of their religion.

Exclusivism: One way of salvation through Jesus. Other religions are human inventions. The truth of other religions is not saving truth.

 **Our identity as Christians:**

 We are chosen to be “in Christ.” Ephesians 1:4-6

2 Peter 3:9; 1 John 4:19

 We must believe to be saved.

1. **God’s treasured possession (v. 6c)**

Israel’s mission statement: Exodus 19:5-6

 But they were too much like Jonah.

 **Our identity as Christians:**

 The church continues the mission as the new Israel: 1 Peter 2:9-10

1. **The object of God’s love (v. 7)**

Jeremiah 31:3; Exodus 34:6-7; Hosea 3:1; Isaiah 43:1-3; Psalm 103

**Our identity as Christians:**

John 3:16; Romans 5:8

1. **Receivers of God’s oath (v. 8a)**

Fulfillment of the promises to Abraham

 **Our identity as Christians:**

 We are adopted into the family by faith.

1. **Object of God’s deliverance (v. 8b)**

Redemption from slavery

**Our identity as Christians:**

Under new ownership

Romans 6