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Pastoral problems / leadership issues

1. People don’t know their true identity
2. People don’t know their proper position

Our Identity in Christ – Ephesians 2:4-9

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He
loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together
with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised *us* up together,
and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, 7 that in
the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His*
kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved
through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, 9 not of
works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created
in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we
should walk in them.



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12 For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members
of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. 13 For by
one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or
Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into
one Spirit. 14 For in fact the body is not one member but many.

15 If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I am not of the
body,” is it therefore not of the body? 16 And if the ear should say,
“Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of
the body? 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would be the
hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling?
18 But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body
just as He pleased. 19 And if they were all one member, where would
the body be?

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20 But now indeed there are many members, yet one body. 21 And the
eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you”; nor again the
head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” 22 No, much rather, those
members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. 23 And
those members of the body which we think to be less honourable, on
these we bestow greater honour; and our unpresentable parts have
greater modesty, 24 but our presentable parts have no need. But God
composed the body, having given greater honour to that part which
lacks it, 25 that there should be no schism in the body, but that the
members should have the same care for one another. 26 And if one
member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is
honoured, all the members rejoice with it. 27 Now you are the body of
Christ, and members individually.

Three steps for finding our place

1. Be sure to be secure in your identity
2. Ask the question
3. Recognise the responsibility.

Luke 12:48b NIV

“From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.”

Discussion Questions

1. How does knowing our identity in Christ affect the way we see ourselves?
   Ephesians 2:4–9
2. Why is it sometimes difficult to find our “place” in the church?
3. What does the picture of the church as a body teach us about our individual role?
   1 Corinthians 12:12-27
4. What do you think God may have entrusted to you?
5. What is one step you could take to become more actively involved in God’s purposes?

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