

WHAT IS YOUR SPIRITUAL IDENTITY?

Part 2
11/16/19

- * Today -- I have the opportunity to give a sermon -- which will be a continuation of a series I began last week (on 11/9)
 - * Title -- What is Your Spiritual Identity? -- Part 2
 - * Purpose -- I believe that identifying your spiritual identity can help you in your everyday walk with God
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Part 1
Christian
Believer
Saint

Part 2
Disciple
Brethren
Elect
Firstfruit

- * Disciples
- * "mathetes" -- Strong's #3101 -- noun
disciple, student, follower; a committed learner and follower
- * Used approximately 268 times -- (interestingly used in the 4 Gospels & the book of Acts)

Matt. 5:1 His disciples came to Him
Matt. 10:24 a disciple is not above his teacher
 25 it is enough that he be like his teacher
John 15:8 how My Father is glorified -- that you bear much
fruit, so you will be My disciples

- * Brethren
- * "adelphos" -- Strong's #80 -- brother, fellow countryman, neighbor -- in the plural "brothers," it regularly refers to men and women
- * Used approximately 346 times
- * Greeting in Biblical Letters

Gal. 1:2 Paul included "all the brethren" when he sent his greeting to the churches of Galatia
Col. 1:2 to the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are in Colosse

- * Often -- Term of Connection

Rom. 1:13 brethren, I do not want you to be unaware
1 Cor. 1:10 now, I beseech you brethren

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 * Elect
 * "eklektos" -- Strong's #1588 -- elect, chosen
 * Used 23 times

 * Greeting in Biblical Letter

1 Peter 1:1-2 pilgrims of the dispersion -- elect according
 to the foreknowledge of God the Father

 * Term of Identification

Matt. 24:22 for the elect's sake -- days shall be shortened
 24 to deceive (if possible) -- even the elect
 31 send His angels to gather the elect
Rom. 8:33 who shall bring a charge against God's elect?
Col. 3:12-14 as the elect of God -- behavior

 * Election
 * "ekloge" -- Strong's #1589 -- election
 * Used 7 times

Rom. 9:10-11 (children of Isaac and Rebecca -- not yet being
 born -- that the purpose of God according
 to election might stand without works --
 but of Him who calls)

Rom. 11:5 a remnant -- according to election of grace

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 * Firstfruits
 * "aparche" -- Strong's #536 -- firstfruits, the
 first of any crop or livestock offered to
 God before the rest could be used
 * Used 8 times

Rom. 8:23 firstfruits of the Spirit -- we are waiting
 22 whole creation waits

Rom. 11:16 if the firstfruit is holy, the lump is holy -- if the
 root is holy, so are the branches

1 Cor. 15:20 Christ is the firstfruit of those who have fallen
asleep

 23 each in his own order -- Christ the firstfruit
 -- then, those who are Christ's at His
 coming

1 Cor. 16:15 household of Stephanas -- firstfruits of Achaia
 -- dedicated to the ministry (service) of

James 1:18 the saints
Rev. 14:4 word of truth -- firstfruits of His creatures
 firstfruits to God and to the Lamb
 * Virgins -- (not defiled)
 * Follow the Lamb wherever He goes
 * Redeemed from among men -- firstfruit