

*“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.  
To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.”  
2 Peter 3:18*

# Sermon Notes

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**Title:** “An Identity Secured” by Rev. John Downs

**Text:** 1 John 2:12-14

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

#### †CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 66:1-12

#### †PRAYER OF INVOCATION

#### †WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG

All Creatures Of Our God And King  
Rise My Soul, The Lord Is Risen

#### CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord Jesus, we have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek you in our daily life. We confess today that we often live like slaves. Instead of living like you delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our short-sighted agendas. Our sins and shortcomings present us with a list of accusations, but we thank you that they will not stand against us, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver us from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in us, everything that prevents us taking delight in you. Thank you for the freedom you have given us through the life, death and resurrection of your Son. We ask this in Jesus’s name. Amen.

#### SILENT CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Titus 3:4–6 “But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.”

#### †WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG

Psalm 20

#### †CONFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism #34 and #35, Elder Ed Baker

#### WORSHIPING GOD IN OUR GIVING

Abide With Me

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

Elder Brian Riedel

#### WORSHIPING GOD IN THE PROCLAMATION OF HIS WORD

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#### WORSHIPING GOD AROUND THE LORD’S TABLE IN THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

#### †SONG OF RESPONSE

In Christ Alone

#### †BENEDICTION

#### †DOXOLOGY

† Congregation standing, as you are able

**He who is from the beginning keeps his people through the ages.**

I. Children v. 12, 13b

II. Fathers v. 13a, 14a

III. Young Men v. 13b, 14b

*Application – “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves” (James 1:22).*

Our responsibility, by God’s grace and power, is to consistently apply the truths of God’s Word that we have heard to our lives (Phil. 2:1-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on the sermon and this passage of Scripture, ask yourself these questions:

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there an example to follow?
- Is there a promise to claim?
- Is there a sin to avoid?
- Is there a principle to follow?