



Mistaken IDENTITY

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What Do Healthy Churches Do that Toxic Churches Don't?

Colossians 1:27
Colossians 1:23-2:3
Colossians 3:11

The One Thing:

Toxic Churches Only Preach
That the _____ is For _____.
Healthy Churches Actually _____ It.

5 Keys to Understanding What the Bible is Saying:

1. The Gospel Breaks Down Man-Made _____ and _____.
2. The _____ Identities are Not Our _____ Identity.
3. The Gospel Shatters the _____ vs. _____ Mentality.
4. Only Jesus is _____.
5. _____ is Not Just a Black and White Thing.

Practical Suggestions to Foster Love and Unity When the World Around Us Fosters Hate, Apathy, and Division.

- Do a Serious Study of the Bible About Race, Grace, and Justice.
- Do What Love Would Lead You to Do.
- Build Loving Relationships Across Ethnic and Socioeconomic Differences.
- Embrace People as People Rather Than as Groups.
- Learn to Have Loving But Uncomfortable Conversations.
- Value and Celebrate Our Differences While Staying Unified in the Gospel.
- Practice Honest and Humble Self-Evaluation About Hurts and Motives.
- Learn to Practice Collective Lament and Mourning with People you Love.