

# **Ridin' High Cowboy Church**

**Union Valley, TX**

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## **February 14, 2016 – Mistaken Identity**

**Identity** – did you know that each year, there is a Word of the Year? In 2015, it was Identity...as per Dictionary.Com!

Rachel Dolzall born to two Caucasian parents, but identifies herself as Black and was a Professor of African Studies and NAACP President. If you identify yourself as a different gender than how you were born, which bathroom do you use?

If you identify yourself as a Christian and you are a county clerk, do you have to give out a marriage license to same sex couples?

What makes up your identity:

Family you were born into – this effects how you see the world and people. We may say that we'll never do the things our parents did, or act like them...but we do.

Events in life: Sickness, death, having kids, job, marriage/divorce, aging, graduation ...

Are all these events good or bad? It depends on how you respond to it, and what you believe about the events.

**You can't be who you were meant to be unless you know who you are.**

***Romans 12: 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world.***

People respond to events and form beliefs about themselves, because this event happened, this \_\_\_\_\_ must be true about me.

***But be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.***

Henry Ford said, "If you think you can or can't do a thing, you are right."  
Mark Twain said, "Age is a situation of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter."

"A life will achieve what the mind believes."

Two words in terms of renewing:

1. Replacing – replacing one thought with another. What is true about you, not what happened to you. What is most true about you is what God says about you.
2. Ranking – place what God says about you at the top of your thoughts.

**Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates** (he didn't just say it, he showed it) **his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

**I Corinthians 6:19-20 19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is to you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? 20 For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.**

**1Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.**

**Ephesians 2:10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.**

**1John 4:4 You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, (not just people around you but the anti Christ, devil) because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.**

**Romans 8:37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loves us.**

**2Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!**

Look back again at **Romans 12:2**

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