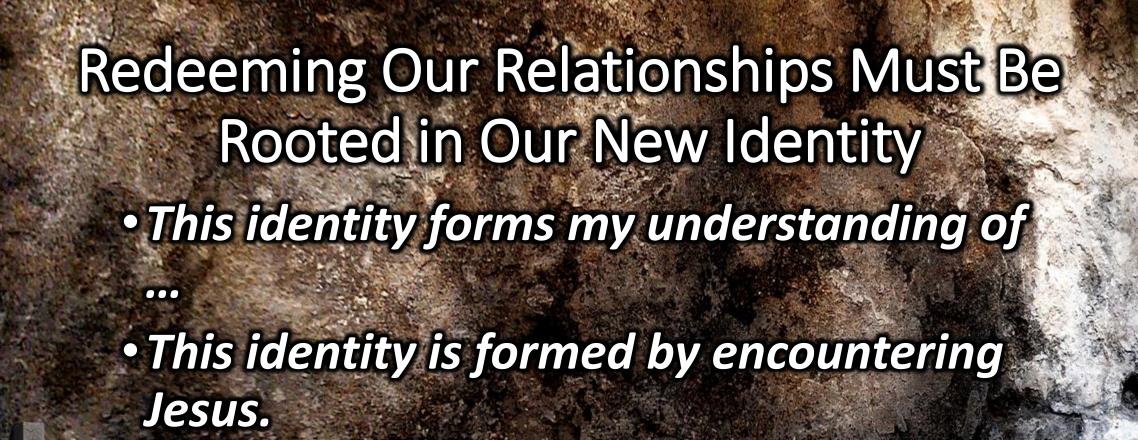




Now about brotherly love we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. And in fact, you do love all of the brothers throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers, to do so more and more.



- Our relational hopes and inclinations have been deeply distorted by our sin nature to one degree or another (Mt. 15:18-19; Jas. 4:1-2).
- We limp away angry, disappointed, frustrated and hurt.





Redeeming Our Relationships Must Be Rooted in Our New Identity

1 Peter 2:9-10

You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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- This identity forms my understanding of
- This identity is formed by encountering Jesus.

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 This identity places us into a new "in Jesus" community.

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Philippians 2:1-4

If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from His love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

