

**ON DEATH AND TAXES**  
(King Jesus: The Gospel of Matthew- Part 45)  
January 17, 2021

The Passage: Matthew 17.22-27

**WHO ARE YOU? THE IMPORTANCE OF IDENTITY**

**A Tax Illustration:**

- Knowing whose you are brings \_\_\_\_\_

**The Coin-In-Fish Miracle:**

- Your adoption into God's family is \_\_\_\_\_ and  
of great \_\_\_\_\_

- Your greatest \_\_\_\_\_ was met by another

**HOW DO WE LIVE WITH THIS NEW IDENTITY?**

- Use your \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ God and others, not self

- \_\_\_\_\_ when you can, \_\_\_\_\_ when you must

*Fill-ins: security, freedom, & confidence; surprising; value; need; freedom; serve; Oblige; offend*

**Life Group Questions for the Week of January 17, 2021**

1. Looking back at your notes from this Sunday's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

2. In Sunday's passage, Jesus his followers about their true identity. Where does Jesus get his identity from, according to Mt. 3:17 and Mt. 17:5?

3. What warning does Proverbs 29:25 and Galatians 1:10 give in looking to anyone other than God for our identity?

4. As we saw Sunday, two potential sources for false identities are: 1. what other people think/say about us and, 2., what we think of/say about ourselves. Paul lends some insight to these in 1 Cor. 4:3 when he says, *"But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself."* Discuss why these two sources are faulty and things you can do to avoid getting your identity from either of them.

5. How would you explain to someone else how the gospel can and should transform one's sense of identity?

6. Jesus says in Mt. 17:27 that he's paying the Temple tax so as not to give unnecessary offense. He's willing to make concessions, rather than give offense. Is responding like this difficult or easy for you? Why or why not?

7. What principles do you find in the following verses about laying down one's preferences for that which is more important?

1 Cor. 10:23,24, 32, 33

1 Peter 2:12

2 Corinthians 8:21

1 Timothy 3:7