**Sermon Notes: *Rightly Related to Self – Finding your Self in Christ.***

# Principal Text: Ephesians 2:1-10

**Introduction:**

1. God knows who he is and who he will be to you.
2. He knows who you truly are and will be!
3. *In Christ,* God has a loving plan for you.

***Who* are you today?** Christ-follower: “Christianos” – Acts 2:7 – Child of God!

**Who *are* you today?**

1. **The Self in Sin:** Our terminal condition without God.
2. Cycle of Death, Ephesians 2:1-3
3. Alive in Christ, Ephesians 2:4-10
4. **The self as observer of itself:**
5. We stand over against ourselves and observe ourselves (42: 11)
6. The role of conscience animated by the Holy Spirit working in us.
7. Self-observing – an essential human ability.
8. The Self as soul – looking up and looking to God (Psalm 139: 1-8).
9. We discover our true Self through a personal relationship with Jesus.
10. *What is the meaning of* ***my*** *life* ***today****?* God reveals the answer!
11. His presence is sure(Hebrews 13:5).
12. **The Self in Transition throughout your Life Cycle:**
13. God… continues to rescue me from my old self… in unmistakable ways (Cia McKoy).
14. The Self Transformed – you are not a biological robot (Dr. James Houston)!
15. Transformed in Christ: Romans 10:9-10.
16. Our authentic Self (Ephesians 2:10),becomes like the one we worship. Glorify God by Enjoying Him Forever. *Be entirely His!* – Oswald Chambers.
17. Praise God! *All enjoyment spontaneously overflows into praise –* C. S. Lewis

**Who are you today? – Three truths to combat 3 Lies.**

I am whose I am; I am what God has done for me; I am a beloved child of God.

**How then do we live into the truth of our authentic Self in Christ?**

1. We begin, continue and end in prayer (keeping company with God).
2. We are patterned by God’s Word
3. We are taught, corrected and guided by the indwelling Holy Spirit’s prompting.