



SERMON NOTES

Identity

Part One - The Law of Identity

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Acts 17:24-31 (NIV)

24 “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. 25 And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. 26 From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. 27 God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. 28 ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’ 29 “Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone--an image made by man’s design and skill. 30 In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. 31 For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead.”

THE LAW OF IDENTITY STATES

Everything that exists has a specific nature.

Each entity exists as something in particular.

Each entity has characteristics that are a part of what it is.

An entity without an identity cannot exist because it would be nothing. To exist is to exist as something, and that means to exist with a particular identity.

Ayn Rand, Harry Binswanger, Leonard Peikoff - 1990 - Philosophy

The Ayn Rand Lexicon: Objectivism from A to Z

OFFSPRING OF GOD

Acts 17:29 (NIV)

29 “Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think...”

1 Peter 2:9 (NKJV)

9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

Romans 8:17 (NKJV)

17 and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

John 8:44 (NKJV)

44 You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

John 1:12-13 (NKJV)

12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

SAINT VS. SINNER

Philippians 4:21 (NKJV)

21 Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren who are with me greet you.

“Ninety-nine percent of the failures come from people who have the habit of making excuses.”
— George Washington Carver

“We have forty million reasons for failure, but not a single excuse.”
— Rudyard Kipling