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Identity in Christ - By Dr. Andries van Schalkwyk

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Today, we are talking about something very personal... identity.

- Not who you were.
- Not what you used to do.
- But who you are — right now.”

Let's begin with the Lord's Prayer - Matthew 6:9-13

When retirement comes, the silent, intimidating question can be: “If I'm not working... do I still matter?”

But Scripture reminds us our identity was never rooted in performance — it is rooted in Christ (see Ephesians 2:10).

- God’s purpose does not ever RETIRE, no matter your age, as a Senior or on your way to being a senior in life.
- Unfortunately, aging can bring health challenges, reduced mobility, memory concerns, and even a loss of independence.
- The internal struggle becomes: “Am I still strong? Am I still valuable?”
- God’s view of identity is not physical — it is spiritual.

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But Scripture reminds us in 2 Corinthians 4:16 that though the outer person fades, the inner person is renewed daily.

- Your inward matters more to God than the outward.
- Your soul represents your inward.
- Jesus said, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind” (Matt 22:37).

Technology, culture, and church styles shift quickly. Seniors may wonder:

- “Do I still belong?”
 - “Does my voice still count?”
 - “Is my generation still relevant?”
1. The truth: Wisdom increases with years. - Proverbs 16:31 calls gray hair a crown of glory.
 2. The younger generation needs the wisdom of the older generation, and the older generation needs the zeal of the younger generation. Both need each other in God’s kingdom.

Identity Is Not Your Past Role at AIMCHURCH.ONLINE

Many seniors once were:

- Business owners
- Perhaps mothers and fathers raising children
- Church leaders
- Providers
- Decision-makers

Now the roles have shifted. - But here is the truth:

- Your role may change.
- Your identity does not.
- **Key Scripture:** "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" — **2 Corinthians 5:17** (NIV)

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The Core Identity Seniors Care About Most - "Do I still have purpose and value? "At AIMCHURCH.ONLINE with Dr. Andries, it is **YES!**

And the biblical answer is clear:

- Your assignment may shift.
- Your influence may change.
- Your pace may slow.

But your **identity as God's beloved child never changes**. God's Word says in Psalms 92:14, "They shall still bear fruit in old age; They shall be fresh and flourishing.

1. In Isaiah 46:4, God says:
2. "Even to your old age and gray hairs I am He... I will sustain you."
3. God does not retire from loving you.

You Are Not Finished — You Are Positioned at AIMCHURCH.ONLINE

Older believers carry: (This season is not useless. It is powerful).

- Wisdom
- Discernment
- Spiritual authority
- Tested faith
- Look at Proverbs 16:31:
- "Gray hair is a crown of glory." You are not fading. You are crowned.

Your identity is:

- Child of God.
- That never expires.
- That never weakens.
- That never gets replaced.

You Still Carry Spiritual Authority

Some seniors think:

"My active days are over."

But prayer does not retire.

Wisdom does not expire.

Faith does not weaken with age.

Look at Psalm 92:14:

“They will still bear ‘GOOD’ fruit in old age.”

- Still bear fruit.
- Still useful.
- Still effective.

Your prayers may be holding your family together right now.

Type in the Chat – What is the hardest part about feeling alone?

Prophetic Encouragement - (Very Powerful)

- Have everyone place their hand on their heart and repeat:
- “I still matter.
- I am still called.
- I am still chosen.
- My best days in God are not behind me.
- I am His.”

Discussion Breakout Option (5 Minutes)

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“What is one-way God can still use you in this season?”

1. “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”
2. Notice — never.
3. People may move.
4. Schedules may change.
5. But God does not relocate.

Closing Encouragement -Say this slowly:

1. "You may have retired from a job...
2. But you have not retired from purpose.
3. You may have slowed down physically...
4. But your spirit is alive.
5. You may feel unseen by the world...
6. But you are never unseen by God."
7. As long as you have breath, God is not finished with you

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