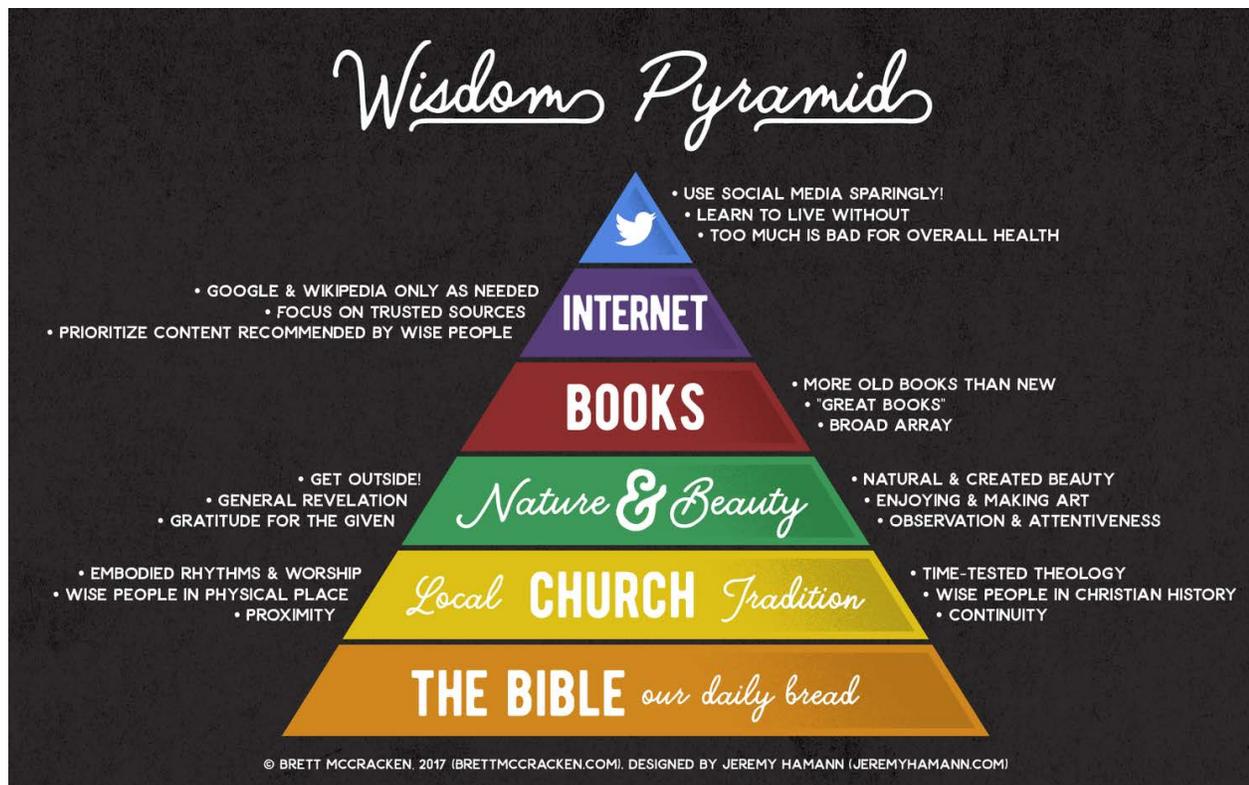


# SERMON OUTLINE

**SERMON TITLE:** Identity in Christ, Part II

**PASSAGE:** Colossians 2:9-15

**DATE:** July 26, 2020



“Before we can be filled with the Spirit, the desire to be filled must be all-consuming. It must be for the time the biggest thing in the life, so acute, so intrusive as to crowd out everything else. The degree of fullness in any life accords perfectly with the intensity of true desire. We have as much of God as we actually want.” – A.W. Tozer

“Conversion is not about adding Jesus to an already crowded shelf of idols. May it never be! Conversion is about sweeping clear the shelves of our heart and pledging supreme love and loyalty to God – and God alone.” – Erik Raymond

## Five Descriptors of Philosophy to Be on Guard Against

### I. In Christ, you have a new belonging vs. 11

### II. In Christ, You Have a New Freedom (v. 12)

- "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life... We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin." – Romans 6:3-7

### III. In Christ, You Have a New Life (v. 13-15)

- Slide: "Only a fraction of the present body of professing Christians are solidly appropriating the justifying work of Christ in their lives. Many have a theoretical commitment to this doctrine, but in their day-to-day existence they rely on their sanctification for justification, drawing their assurance of acceptance with God from their sincerity, their past experience of conversion, their recent religious performance or the relative infrequency of their conscious, willful disobedience. Few know enough to start each day with a thoroughgoing stand upon this platform: you are accepted, looking outward in faith and claiming the wholly alien righteousness of Christ as the only ground for acceptance, relaxing in that quality of trust which will produce increasing sanctification as faith is active in love and gratitude." – Richard Lovelace

#### Three Indicators of an Identity Found in Jesus

1. Your worth is found in Jesus
2. Your life spills out Jesus
  - "In all my years of pastoring, I have learned this lesson: a person's spiritual maturity is not truly visible until they DON'T get their way. Then you see the person." Erik Reed
  - Slide: 1. Your worth is found in Jesus
3. Your ultimate satisfaction is Jesus

#### Benediction:

"...that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." – Ephesians 3:16-19

#### Discussion / Reflection Questions:

1. Does the "Wisdom Pyramid" reflect how you categorize knowledge in your life? If not, what are specific changes you need to make?
2. Which of the three realities (new belonging; new freedom; new new) of who we are in Christ resonated with you the most and why?
3. Which of the three indicators that you are living out who you are in Christ was most convicting and why?