

Remember Who You Are This Summer!

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➤ Intro:

- **summer is drawing near** (feels like it's already here), kids are out of school, families going on vacation
- **lesson:** Remember Who You Are
 - primarily for young people, but all can benefit
 - **illus.:** parent, child getting ready to go somewhere, "remember who you are" - encouragement to remain faithful

➤ Remember, you are a child of God!

- **Jn. 3:16; 1 Jn. 4:9-10** what God did so we could be His children – **gave Son, propitiation**
- - **1 Th. 5:9-10** what Jesus did for us – **died on cross for our sins** – **Heb. 5:7-9; 1 Pet. 1:18-19**
- - **Gal. 3:26-27, 29; 4:4-7** baptized into Christ, **adopted** as sons
- - **Eph. 5:1-2** imitate God, as beloved children for whom Jesus died – **display godly qualities**
- - **Col. 1:9-11** please Him in all respects, **bearing fruit**, strengthened with all **power**
 - **illus.:** pleasing God or Satan with your life
- - **Rev. 14:1, 11** name written on forehead - God or Satan - display the character of God or Satan in your life
 - **illus.:** father, son (**1 Jn. 3:10**)
 - **Rev. 22:4** those who enter heaven have God's name on their foreheads – **display His name**
- **application:** you are a God's child, His name is written on your forehead - bear fruit, godliness

➤ Remember, you are Christ's brother!

- **Jesus is our brother**
 - **Heb. 2:11** we are all God's children – Jesus is our brother, our eldest brother, of higher rank
 - **Heb. 2:17** Jesus had to be made like us – propitiation, high priest – **vs. 18 – Phil. 2:5-8**
- **We are joint-heirs with Christ (fellow heirs)**
 - **Rom. 8:16-17** we are sons of God, therefore joint-heirs with Christ
 - **think of Christ's love, to make you a joint-heir – bring you from an enemy to a son and heir**
- **As Christ's joint-heirs, we reign with Him**
 - **2 Tim. 2:11-12** endure, will reign with Him
 - **Rev. 5:10** kingdom of priests, reign upon the earth
 - **Rev. 20:6** reign with Christ during 1,000 years
 - **Rev. 22:5** reign for eternity in heaven
- **application:** live like you are a joint-heir with Christ, reigning with Him – **illus.:** on a throne, victorious over sin, reigning with Christ

➤ Remember, you are a citizen of heaven!

- **Phil. 3:20-21** citizenship is in heaven, **wait** for Savior, **transform body** by exertion of power
- **Eph. 2:19-22** citizen, built together, **holy temple**, God dwells in the Spirit
- **1 Cor. 6:19-20** therefore, **use body properly, bought, glorify God in body** (**1 Pet. 1:18-19**)
 - **illus.:** citizen of kingdom please king, stones of temple please glorify God
- **application:** glorify God in your body as God's temple – remember who you are
 - **thoughts / adornment of physical body / behavior – remember who you are**
 - **1 Jn. 2:15-16** Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.
 - **1 Jn. 5:3** For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.

- remember who you are this summer – how should you think and act

- thoughts, vacation, recreation, beach, TV & movies, adornment of physical body
- ??? When people observe you this summer, will they assume you are a faithful Christian?

➤ **Summary / Inv.**

- **Remember who you are! – child of God, Christian, Christ's brother, citizen of heaven**
- **inv.:** If you are not. . . . (child of God, Christian, Christ's brother, citizen of heaven)