



Today's Message: God's Beloved

Sermon Series: Our Identity in Christ

Scripture: Jeremiah 31:1-4, Colossians 3:12

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I. **Introduction:** The Duck Story & Our Identity in Christ

II. **Biblical foundations on being *God's Beloved*:**

1. **God's love is eternal**

"The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying: 'I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness. I will build you up again. . .'" (Jeremiah 31:3-4).

2. **God's love ushers in salvation**

"But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved" (Ephesians 2:4-5).

3. **God's love is realized in community**

"And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp

*how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ...”
(Ephesians 3:17-18).*

4. God’s love helps establish identity

This is part of our identity as followers of Christ. We are a people of God who are dearly loved:

- ✓ “Follow God’s example, therefore, as **dearly loved children** and walk in the way of love...” (Ephesians 5:1-2).
- ✓ “Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and **dearly loved**, clothe yourselves with compassion...” (Colossians 3:12).
- ✓ “To all in Rome who are **loved by God** and called to be his holy people...” (Romans 1:7).
- ✓ “For we know, brothers and sisters **loved by God**, that he has chosen you...” (1 Thessalonians 1:4).
- ✓ “But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters **loved by the Lord**, because God chose you as firstfruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth” (2 Thessalonians 2:13).