

The Four Mission Markers: Identity

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Abundant Life Vision: "Everything for the **glory of God.**"

Abundant Life Mission: "We are a church family devoted to **discipleship.**"

"Identity" – Who I am: I am a **devoted follower** of Jesus Christ.

I. I am a **child of God** – I don't **deserve** it but I have been **chosen.**

"You did not choose me, but I chose you..." Jn. 15:16

- I am **adopted.**

"He predestined us to be adopted as His sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His pleasure and will..." Eph. 1:5

- I am an **heir** to the Kingdom of God.

"Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ." Rom. 8:17

II. I am **justified** – I am **not sinless** but I am **blameless.**

"Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."
Rom. 5:1

- I am declared **righteous.**

"There is no one righteous, not even one!" Rom. 3:10

"God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God." 2 Cor. 5:21

- I am **in process** - Sanctified

"By one sacrifice He has made perfect forever those who are being made holy." Heb. 10:14

III. I am an **Ambassador** of Christ – For good or for bad, I **represent** Jesus.

"For Christ's love compels us..." 2 Cor. 5:14

- I am the Jesus that **people see.**

"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors as though Christ were making His appeal through us."

2 Cor. 5:20

- I am the **temple** of the Holy Spirit

"Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?" 1 Cor. 3:16

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 Jn. 1:9