

Big Idea: New creations in Christ make

-- *Eight similarities between the story of new life in Christ...*



new priorities in life.

Cinderella and the Gospel of

1.) Like Cinderella, we were unworthy of

-- Isaiah 59:1-2, Ephesians 2:12

the King's love.

2.) Like Cinderella, we were slaves of a cruel master.

-- Romans 6:6-16

3.) Like Cinderella, we are made new in an instant.

-- Matthew 9:22, 15:28

4.) Like Cinderella, we are loved by the King.

-- Romans 5:7-8, John 3:16

5.) Like Cinderella, we are prone to run from the king.

-- Romans 7:19

6.) Like Cinderella, the King pursues us in love.

-- 2 Peter 3:9

7.) Like Cinderella, we become the King's unlikely bride.

-- Revelation 19:7-9

8.) Like Cinderella, we are offered a new and glorious future with the King.

2 Corinthians 5:11-17

-- v. 11 – Our identity is determined by God, not by people, and we should be trying to persuade others to understand this.

-- v. 12 – Our identity in Christ is not about worldly appearances, but what God has done and is doing in us.

-- v. 13-15 – The essential mark of the new creation is that we no longer live for our own purposes or glory, but for Christ.

-- v. 16 – Our chief concern is not what people say about us on earth, but what God will say on that ultimate Day of Judgment.

-- v. 17 – A new identity calls for a new pattern of living.

Application

-- New creations in Christ, make new priorities in life.

-- If you were on trial for being a wholehearted follower of Christ, would there be enough evidence to convict?

-- Be intentional about making the pattern of your life today consistent with your new identity in Him.

-- Mission card: In addition to Sunday morning attendance, commit fully to at least one thing in each category.

-- If you are not a new creation in Christ, or not sure, then heed the call of Christ to be made new through repentance and true faith.