



My Identity in Christ

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Love others as YOURSELF

Matthew 22:37-40⁻³⁷ Jesus said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’³⁸ This is the first and great commandment. ³⁹**And the second is like it:** ‘You shall love your *neighbor as yourself.*’⁴⁰ *On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”*

- When I get a good view of myself, and we understand our value, we understand others value. Its hard to love others if we don't love ourselves.
- So The Lord gave equal importance to loving God and loving people, first which is incredible but then equally profound at the end He said, “AS YOURSELF”! If we don't love ourselves, If we don't value ourselves, and in the same token understand our value to God we cant love others because we wont understand their inherent value either.
- For further clarification in **1 John 4:20**⁻²⁰ *If someone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, [a]how can he love God whom he has not seen?*



Identity

- So were going to take the next couple of weeks and get our identity right. If we see ourselves right we'll see each other right, and when we realize how incredible God sees us it creates gratitude and appreciate for Him in us leading to Intimacy. The Lord showed me that **Identity is the Vehicle to Intimacy, and Intimacy is the road to Purpose!** We need to put our identity into something Eternal and not Temporal! Someone who never changes the way they feel about us, who will Never fail us!
- So How then? How do we get our Identity right? What significance do we have? What must we do? We see the importance, but How?





WE MUST BE BORN AGAIN!



- ***John 3:3-6-³*** Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born ^[a]again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”
⁴ Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?”⁵ Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
 - Last module we saw our need for a Savior. In the Garden when Adam and Eve sinned against God by taking of the fruit and eating we lost our connection to God.
 - In steps Jesus the Christ! The promised Messiah, Seed of the woman, Son of David, Son of Abraham, Son of God. The Second Adam. Who took our sin upon Himself that we Might take His sonship upon ourselves.
 - So Christ Jesus was crucified, buried, resurrected, and ascended into Heaven and sprinkled His blood on the Mercy Seat once and for all, a perfect sacrifice
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- **John 1:12-13**- ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the ^[a]right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: ¹³ who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.
- **Romans 6:4-4**- ³ Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.
- **Galatians 2:20**- ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.
- **Ephesians 1:13-14** ¹³ In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ who^[a] is the ^[b]guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.
- **Romans 10: 9-10**- ⁹ that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
- So we heard the Gospel and The Holy Spirit pricked our heart, we felt conviction for the first time! We have repented (metanoia) changed our minds from following ourselves and our own way, turned from our sinful lifestyle, and surrendered to Jesus as King! Welcome to the Family and Kingdom of God!!!!

- **Christianity is not about becoming better people, it is about becoming a completely New Person in Christ! Being Born-Again is NOT about behavior, it is about believing in what has already been done! Satan is after your believer!**
- **The essential Christian Message is Not Behave, but Behold!** As you behold the beauty of God you will be changed from Glory to Glory!!!!
- **2 Corinthians 5:17**- *¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*
- **2 Corinthians 3:18**- *¹⁸ But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as ^[a]by the Spirit of the Lord.*
- Most believers try to live from effort instead of from identity, but the core of the Gospel is Identity precedes activity, the verdict comes before performance! If we can see what God sees, we can do what God commands.
- Transformation does not begin with changing actions, but with receiving Truth! It is a free gift reach out and take it! If you misunderstand who you are, you will misunderstand how to live!!!!

What Happens when we are Born Again?

- **Ezekial 36:26-27-** ²⁶*I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.*
- We are given a new heart that desires to seek after the things of God! To desire to obey, to read Gods Word, to Pray and Commune with Holy Spirit, and to be around God's people.
- **John 3:6-** ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
- **Titus 3:5-** ⁵*not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,*
- **1 Peter 1:23-** ²³*having been born again, not of ^[a]corruptible seed but ^[b]incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides ^[c]forever,*
- We were given a new nature through the Spirit which now indwells us and gives us the power over sin, and Ourselves. He lives with us in us and through us to achieve the will of God here on Earth!

- The New Birth is **NOT**:

- God improving your old nature/behavior or fixing your personality defects. **2 Peter 1:4-4** *by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the [a]corruption that is in the world through lust.*
- God forgiving you while He leaves you the same inside; or so that you can live however you want, and do whatever you want regardless of consequence yet still go to heaven some day!!!

- The New Birth **IS** :

- A supernatural exchange where you receive: a new heart, a new spirit, God's Holy Spirit forever united with yours dwelling on the inside of you! You receive the mind of Christ, and a new set of Godly desires in spite of your mind being renewed day by day.
- **YOU WERE NOT FORGIVEN INTO YOUR OLD LIFE- YOU WERE BORN INTO A COMPLETELY NEW ONE!!!!!!!**
- **Matthew 9:17-** ¹⁷ *Nor do they put new wine into old wineskins, or else the wineskins [a]break, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But they put new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved.”*

The Fundamental Principles of Our New Identity

- **Principle 1: Identity Precedes Behavior!**
- Behavior modification will only last until you run out of energy or until your circumstances and situations press you over what you can handle then what is in your heart will come out.
- **Proverbs 4:23-** ²³ Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it *spring* the issues of life.
- **Matthew 15:18-19-** ¹⁸ But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. ¹⁹ For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.
- **Principle 2: Your Identity is a Gift, not an Achievement**
- You did not receive the New Birth because of anything that you have done, or your works or because you even deserved it; and your new Identity in Christ is the same: IT IS A GIFT JUST RECIEVE IT WITH GRATITUDE AND FAITH.
- **Ephesians 2:8-9-** ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast.

The Fundamental Principles of Our New Identity (continued)

- Principle 3: God relates to You According to Who You are in Christ
- God is not interacting with your past, Your old man was crucified with Christ. He's not trying to resurrect the old man to have a conversation with Him/Her.
- He has so much for you, more than you could ever imagine. If you would just dare to believe what He says about you, then He could move you into what He made you for, but you have to let go of the old man, and the Flesh because you cant take them with you on this new journey with God.
- **Romans 8:1** *There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who^[a] do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.*
- **Hebrews 10:14-**¹⁴ *For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being^[a] sanctified.*
- **Colossians 2:10-**¹⁰ *and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all^[a] principality and power.*

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What our New Identity Is

- **Who I am (This is who I am because of Who He is!)**
- **You are a New Creation**-not behavior modification, but a whole new being made complete in the Image of Christ.
- **2 Corinthians 5:17-** ¹⁷ *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*
- **You are a child of God.** You have been adopted into His family, an heir with Christ. United forever with Holy Spirit.
- **Romans 8:15-16-** ¹⁵ *For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba,^[a] Father.”* ¹⁶ *The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,*

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What our new identity is (continued)

- **You are the seed of Abraham.** This makes you the culmination of the promise given to Abraham, and proves both God's Sovereignty and Faithfulness.
- **Genesis 12:1-3- 12** Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. ²I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."
- **You are the Bride of Christ.** Jesus is coming back for a spotless Bride who has made herself ready for the groom. We were once slaves turned Sons, but as we progress into intimacy we are Brides adorning ourselves in wedding garments made ready for Jesus our groom.
- I want to spend a moment here, being the bride of Christ speaks of intimacy, and a oneness and closeness that is second to none. When the marriage relationship is talked about in scripture two words are used one is the Hebrew word **Ginoskos**- joined close a knowing as a husband knows a wife, and the Greek **koinonia** which is joint, fellowship, communion, so close you don't know where one ends and the other begins. And that's the closeness the God of the universe desires with you!!!

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What our new identity is (continued again)

- **You are Righteous.** Now! right this second! you don't have to earn it this is your current standing with God. You are in right relationship.
- **2 Corinthians 5:21-** ²¹ *For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*
- He took your place so you could take His, your sin is gone, debt paid, God looks at you and sees Jesus!
- **You are Holy and Blameless.** Your not becoming Holy, your behavior doesn't make or break you, you are blameless in His sight right Now! Realizing and believing this brings boldness, we no longer have to fear judgement!
- **Colossians 1:22-** ²² *in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight—*



Where I Live From

- **Seated with Christ.** I am with Christ now, I'm not trying to obtain, or strive to be with Him, I'm united with Him right now!
 - ***Ephesians 2:6-*** ⁶ *and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,*
 - **In Christ, not Adam.** I no longer relate to my old sinful nature, but the divine nature which is like God.
 - ***Romans 5:18-19-*** *Therefore, as through ^[h]one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one ^[i]Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. ¹⁹For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.*
 - Because of this shift I can approach God with freedom confidence and boldness, because He is our Father.
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**How God
Sees Me
Right
Now.**

Accepted,
Complete, Justified,
Loved Like Jesus Is
Loved.

