

## OUR IDENTITY

I'd like to share some scriptures with you and allow the Holy Spirit to give us a revelation of our identity in Christ.

Let's start from the beginning. God made Man in His Image and likeness in Genesis 1:26 and 27.

In Genesis 2:17

God said, if you eat of the tree of the knowledge of Good and Evil you shall surely die.

In Genesis 3:4

Satan borrows the body of a serpent and deceives Eve. He says you will not die, you can be like God. Adam listened to his wife, and bit the lie also.

By Adam and Eve's submitting to Satan's lie, Satan was able to usurp their God-given authority over this world and rule over them.

In verse 23, because of God's love for man, God sent man out of garden so that he would not live in that fallen, spiritually dead state, separated from God forever.

This fallen, separated from God, and spiritually dead world, is the world which we were all born into, we were all influenced by, and has ruled over us. This world and all of its systems, political, religious, educational, social, and entertainment have influenced us our entire life.

They've told us,  
what's real and what's not real,

what's possible and what's not possible,

what's worthy of our time and what's not worthy of our time,

what we should admire and what we should despise,

what's valuable and what's not valuable,

even what we should spend our money on and what we should consider a total waste.

Ephesians 2 explains our condition in this world because of the fall.

You were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.

(That would be Satan).

Among them we to, all formerly lived in the lust of our flesh indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind and we're by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

God's plan to restore man to his original created value and oneness with God was not to send Jesus to set up a new religion and give man Bible teachings to try to follow.

He didn't give us religion, he supernaturally did what only God can do.

He put all men in Christ by his own doing. 1 Corinthians 1:30

He then crucified, buried, raised them from the dead with Christ, to a completely new life, and seated man with Christ at the right hand of the Father. Romans 6 and Ephesians 2

Man was raised up with Christ through faith in the supernatural working of God who raised Christ from the dead. Colossians 2.12

And whoever received Him (speaking of Christ) God gave the right to become children of God even to those who believe in his name, who were born not of blood nor of the will of the flesh, nor the will of man, but they are born of God. John 1.12

We were reborn back to the original image and likeness that God created.

Please note, that we did not affiliate with, join, pray a prayer, or go through some sort of catechism, to be born into the family of God. By faith we actually received Christ as our Savior and Lord, and received His life in exchange for our old useless one. 1 Peter 1.18

Let's look at some more scriptures.

A kingdom is the influence of a king on his subjects, on his territory, and on their culture. Jesus did not come to give man religion. He came to establish the kingdom of God on Earth.

Matthew 4.17

Jesus began to preach everywhere, repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.

Repent of what?

Repent of the life that we inherited from Adam. The life that has been separated from God by the sin of believing Satan's lie.

In other words, Jesus said, what you were actually created for by God is here, put off this fallen nature that you've inherited from Adam and receive the eternal life that God created for you to have and manifest to the world as his children and ambassador's of his kingdom.

And as Paul's exhorted the Ephesian and Colossian believers, Put off and lay aside this old corrupt nature and put on the new self which is created in righteousness and holiness in the image of God Ephesians 4.23 and Col 3.9

2nd Corinthians 5:17 states that,

If any man is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old things are passed away, behold new things have come now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely that God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, Not counting their trespasses against them, and he has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

The reality of our life has completely changed. We have a completely new birthright as God's children. We have gone from being living souls under the influence of Satan and this world, to life-giving spirits who are one with God and filled with his eternal life, because of our death and resurrection with Christ. A death and resurrection that could only be made possible by God Himself.

1 Corinthians 15.45 explains that, when God put all men in Christ and crucified Him, He became the last Adam.

God took the sin, and the resulting spiritual death that plagued all men and judged it on the cross in Christ for our deliverance.

Christ was resurrected as a life-giving spirit, and because we are in him we get to share his likeness.

God's promise in verse 48 is that, as we have borne the image of the earthy, as living souls born of Adam's fallen nature, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly, as life-giving spirits recreated in God's image.

This is God's plan to redeem man back to oneness and fellowship with Himself, by giving man His eternal life.

We have a completely new destiny and identity because of God's incredible, supernatural work on our behalf.

1 Corinthians 6.17

the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Romans 8.16

The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ....

Jesus said in John 14 that the Holy Spirit will not just be with you, he will be in you. He also said that if we keep his word He and the Father would come and make their permanent dwelling place in us.

Jesus said that the kingdom of God does not come with outward observation, but it is within you.

The kingdom of God is not a place, it's the influence of the King on his subjects and on his territory. Because we now have the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit dwelling in us the kingdom of God resides within us.

As I stated before, our old life was crucified with Christ and we've been risen to a new life created in the image of God.

Because of God's supernatural work of putting us in Christ and crucifying us and resurrecting us with him, Romans 6.11 in the amplified version tells us to consider our old sinful life as dead and consider ourselves alive to God in unbroken fellowship in Christ.

Many Christians will protest, that I love this scripture, but it doesn't seem to be a reality in my life. On any given occasion I can still be selfish, critical, hateful, lustful, proud or totally rebellious. I still sin.

Which begs the question, where does God's eternal life and his kingdom actually dwell in us?

It doesn't dwell in our body and it doesn't dwell in our soul, it resides in our spirit.

As Romans 8.16 informed us the Holy Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we have been born again as children and renewed in the life of God.

Now when Adam and Eve disobeyed God and submitted to Satan's lie, their spirits died, and their soul became the preeminent part of their life.

Because of that, we began to get all of our information through our five senses instead of our spirit. And our environment around us, this fallen world system, schooled us to be logical, to be practical and rational, and that being

reasonable was the only way to live. It defined for us what was true and what was not and told us that our lives consisted of the sum total of our experiences in this world.

Then Jesus came to the world and said, I am the way, I am the truth, and I am the life.

He modeled before all mankind the life that God originally made available to man, as his supreme creation, to manifest his kingdom on the Earth.

Jesus made the invisible God of the spirit realm, visible in our realm, saying if you've seen me you've seen the father.

Jesus told his disciples that if anyone wants to follow me he must deny himself.

He also said if anyone wishes to save his life he will never find life.

The word used in these scriptures for your life and your self is the Greek word psuche. It's defined as our personal identity, our self-life, or our soul life.

Jesus was not telling his disciples to kill themselves. He was telling them to lay down their soul life, to surrender the authority of their senses and accept the truth of God's word as their reality.

Colossians 3.1- 3 amp. Paul explains how we are to go about doing this.

If then you have been raised with Christ to a new life, thus sharing his resurrection from the dead, aim at and seek the rich eternal treasures that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God and set your minds and keep them set on what is above the higher things not on the things that are on the earth, for as far as this world is concerned, you have died and your new real life is hidden with Christ in God when Christ who is our life appears then you will appear with him in the Splendor of his glory.

Our spirit has no contact with this world, except through our soul.

When we surrender our soul life to God's Holy Spirit dwelling in our spirit, our soul can be saved, and can become the expression of God's eternal life through us, instead of being the input tool for Satan and this world to oppress us.

The surrender of our soul life to the Holy Spirit empowers us with the ability to live God's abundant, unlimited, and eternal life instead of our natural life, inherited from Adam and Eve.

Because the father has put us in Christ and Christ dwells in us, Christ now becomes our wisdom from God, our righteousness, our sanctification, and our complete redemption into God's family. 1 Corinthians 1.30

We also come out from under the authority of this fallen world's systems that continually kept us in bondage to sin and death, and come under the influence of a new law.

The law of the Spirit of Life in Christ, has set us free from the law of sin and death. Romans 8.2

Our old nature, has been swallowed up and overruled by the eternal life of God. God's unchanging love for us has made His abundant, unlimited, and eternal life our reality.

One thing that a lot of people don't realize is that religion is part of this world system. It's done by men and for men. As I stated before, the gospel is not a religion. It's the supernatural working of God to redeem man back to oneness with God as members of his family.

We received this new life by faith in the supernatural work of God, not by religious effort on our part.

His work on our behalf is unlike anything on the planet. It has mind-boggling benefits to us as his children.

Let's look at four scriptures that show us some of the amazing benefits of Christ's incredible sacrifice for us.

Hebrews 9.12

Through his own blood, he entered the holy Place once for all, having obtained for us Eternal Redemption.

In verse 15 it says, that Christ's sacrifice enabled us to receive an eternal inheritance.

Hebrews 10.10

By this will, we have been sanctified (we've actually been made holy) through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

And verse 14 says, for by His one offering, He has perfected for all time, those who are sanctified.

It should be obvious to us that not one of these things is possible for man to achieve by his own religious efforts, and surely not all four.

Just as we inherited a spiritually dead life separated from God, as Adam's children, we now inherit the eternal life of God, as God's children.

Everything that we receive in the kingdom of God, we receive by inheritance. We don't receive it because we're great children, we receive it because we have an awesome father.

This inheritance that we have received was paid in full by Christ on the cross, even before we asked.

How do we make this the reality of our life now?

Let's look at the scriptures

Ephesians 1:11 in the Amplified version says in him we also were made God's heritage and we obtained an inheritance....

Verses 13 and 14

In him you also who have heard the word of Truth, the Glad Tidings of the Gospel of your salvation, and have believed in and adhered to and relied on him, were stamped with the Seal of the long-promised Holy Spirit. That spirit is the guarantee of our inheritance, the first fruits, the pledge and foretaste and the down payment on our heritage, in anticipation of its full redemption and our acquiring complete possession of it to the praise of his glory.

2nd Corinthians 3.17 and 18 amp

Now the Lord is the spirit, and where the spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty, emancipation from bondage, and freedom.

and all of us, as with unveiled face, because we continue to behold in the word of God, as in a mirror, the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into his very own image in ever-increasing splendor and from one degree of Glory to another for this comes from the Lord who is the spirit.

Christ's death on the cross forgave our sins and saved us from judgment, but it's the lordship of Christ by his spirit that transforms us into the image of God.

In Christian circles many of us use the word Lord very glibly, often not even comprehending its meaning.

The word translated Lord in the New Testament, is the Greek word kyrios.

it's defined as, One who exercises absolute ownership rights.

## 1 Corinthians 6.19 and 20

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body.

Satan has tried over the generations, quite successfully, to try and turn the gospel into a religious effort done by men. Many have succumbed to the lie that praying a prayer of salvation is mandatory to escape judgment, but the lordship of Christ in our lives is completely optional. Thinking that Christ's lordship might be important for a prophet or someone doing International evangelism, but for the average church member, not so much.

Salvation without the transformation of the Holy Spirit is just religion and produces a powerless Christianity, which benefits no one but Satan.

We often function as independent contractors for God, retaining the ownership of our own lives, giving our own senses the right to decide whether we will or whether we won't respond to God's word.

The prerequisite for becoming a Christian is to repent and cast off our old Adamic nature, submit to the lordship of Christ, and follow him.

Jesus, who is our Supreme example, often stated, that this plan is not my plan, these words are not my words, and these works are not my works, but they are the Father's who dwells in me.

He declared to the father, not my will, but yours be done, and walked in complete and total submission to God's will.

Jesus didn't recruit us to study the Bible, attend lots of church meetings, do volunteer work at the church, and give money to support it.

He called us to speak the truth in love and grow up in all aspects into Christ.

His sacrifice made it possible for us to put off our old nature, to follow him, to be like him, and manifest his life to every nation on the planet and fulfill His great commission.

How about some more scriptures.?

## Hebrews 11:3

By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.

## 2 Corinthians 4.18

We look not at the things which are seen, But at the things which are not seen, for the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

We've all heard people say,  
I'd have to see it to believe it.

We've all grown up in a world that says only what we can see, feel, hear, taste and touch is real.  
We've been taught all our lives to give priority to the perception of our senses.

God is a spirit. He is not subject to the limitations of the visible world. He may not be visible to our natural eyes, but he is much more real than anything we do see. He is the source of all things. He actually creates reality with his words

## Isaiah 55.11

So shall my word be which goes forth from my mouth, it shall not return to me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.

John 1:1

In the beginning was the word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being by him, and apart from him nothing came into being that has come into being. In him was life and the life was the light of men.

Man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that precedes out of the mouth of the Lord. Deuteronomy 8:3

Miracles are only extraordinary in our natural realm. In the realm of God's kingdom they're completely natural.

Jesus preached repent, for the kingdom of God is here. He demonstrated what happens when a natural man, born of a woman, surrenders himself to God by the Holy Spirit.

He continually did the Impossible.

He superseded and overruled natural laws and processes by hearing God's word and doing what he said.

He turned water into wine, He fed 5000 people with a little boy's lunch, He walked on water, and He healed the sick and raised the dead.

He didn't send his disciples out to do what they we're able to do.

He commissioned his disciples to do the same things that he did,

Matthew 10.1 and 7.

He also made an incredible promise to us in John 14.12

He said truly, truly, I say to you

(in other words I really mean this)

He who believes in me, the works that I do shall he do also, and greater works than these shall he do, because I go to The Father.

Jesus didn't come to give us religion. He didn't come to give us Bible stories to teach our kids, or doctrines for us to argue about. He manifested the kingdom of God in our world and invited us to enter it.

He told Nicodemus, in John 3, that unless he was born again he could not see the kingdom of God and unless he was born of the spirit he could not enter the kingdom.

In the only place that being born again is mentioned in the Bible, Jesus makes it clear that the whole point of being born again is to enter the kingdom of God.

Jesus taught his disciples to pray

Your kingdom come on Earth as it is in heaven. My paraphrase would be,

God, let it be in my house the way it is in your house.

It's not enough for God to forgive our sins, bless us, and meet our needs. He wants to give us our inheritance as his children, his sons, his heirs, and joint heirs with Christ.

God's intention for man was that everything God has and everything God is, would be available to his children.

Jesus told his disciples in John 16:14 That the Holy Spirit would take what is his and disclosed it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine, therefore I said that he takes of mine, and will disclose it to you. The Amplified version says declare, disclose, and transmit it to you.

Romans 8:32

He who did not withhold or spare even his own son but gave him up for us all, will he not also with him freely and graciously give us all things.

Matthew 25:34

Come, you who are blessed of my father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

This is not a new plan. It's been the Father's heart from the very beginning, to fill man with his his eternal life, and have him manifest God's kingdom in this earth to all the nations.

I've been a Christian quite a long time. I've heard people say from the very beginning, that I believe the Bible from cover to cover, but when I share with them even a few of the things that Christ's sacrifice made available to us, I get some pretty blank looks.

Things like

We're completely new creatures, old things are passed away all things are new. 2nd Corinthians 5:17

We're dead to sin but alive to God in unbroken fellowship. Romans 6:11

We're one with God just like Jesus is John 17:22

It becomes pretty apparent that many people revere the teachings of the Bible, but don't have the experience of their reality in their lives.

Proverbs says

As a man thinks in his heart so he is. This scripture is not speaking of that muscle in the middle of our chest that pumps blood, it's talking about our innermost being, our spirit.

That's the place where as Christians, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit all dwell, because the kingdom of God is within us.

Reading the Bible with our natural understanding, and trying to accomplish it with our natural will never produces the reality of the Kingdom in our lives, it only produces religion. The perception of our natural senses cannot give us an accurate revelation of who we are in Christ either.

The letter kills, but the spirit gives life.

2 Corinthians 3.6

John 6:63 says

It is the spirit who gives life, the flesh profits nothing, the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and our life.

1st Corinthians 2.14

The natural man does not accept the things of God for they are foolishness to him and he cannot understand them because they are spiritually appraised.

Verse 9 says

Just as it is written, things which eye has not seen nor ear heard, which have not entered the heart of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. For to us God revealed them through the spirit, for the spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.

Our natural senses can't even comprehend the things that God wants us to experience and manifest in the whole world.

Everything about God is supernatural, perfect, and eternal. Everything that he does, and everything that he says is also just like him, spiritual and eternal.

I've heard people say my whole Christian life, things like we're only sinners saved by grace, and Christians aren't perfect they're only forgiven.

I know that people mean to share with others God's grace and forgiveness, but our death with Christ on the cross did so much more than just forgive our sins. It ended our old nature, and God sent the Holy Spirit to establish and guarantee his new nature within us.

If we hang on to our old identity as sons of Adam, in bondage to sin and this world's influence and don't allow the Holy Spirit to give us revelation of who we are now in Christ and who he is in us, we'll be stuck in Christian religion trying to do the will of God with a nature that is completely incapable of doing it.

Jesus said, that which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the spirit is Spirit. John 3.6

It's the spirit who gives life, the flesh profits nothing. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.  
John 6.63

I pray right now, for everyone listening to these videos, that as you open your heart to these words of spirit, generated by God, you would allow the Holy Spirit's wisdom and revelation to open the eyes of your heart to know your true identity in Christ.

I pray that you would get a revelation that Jesus is your way, your reality, and your life.

I pray that you would receive by faith, your oneness with God, and that you would know that God's eternal life is your inheritance as his child.

I pray that you would come to know that he has given you his magnificent and precious promises that you would become a partaker of his divine nature, and that you would know that, as many as be the promises of God, they are all yes, in Christ.

I pray that you would humble yourself, and be willing to put off your old identity inherited from Adam.

I pray that you will set aside everything you have been, everything you have never been, everything you hope to be, and everything that you never could be on your own.

I pray that you'll set aside your greatest victories and your most crushing defeats and allow the Holy Spirit to speak to your spirit and impart to you who he created you to be to this world.

A couple final thoughts,

For us to fulfill God's desire in the Earth, the ministry of reconciliation for all men, and his Great Commission for every nation on the planet, it's imperative that we see ourselves as God sees us, and take our place that God has created for us to walk in.

Because, it's way past time for this world to see the fullness of Christ in his people.

Jesus said in John 15.13 greater love has no man than this that he would lay down his life for his friends. I pray that we all repent, and lay down our useless, self-centered lives, so that God can love this world with his incredible, unfailing love through us.

So that God can make available to the entire world, things which man has never seen, has never heard, and has never entered into the heart of man, those things which God has prepared for those who love him.

God's love never fails.

God bless you.

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