

Agape House of Worship
Midweek Service: Bible Study

Topic: Our Identity in Christ
Part 2: The Purpose of our Identity in Christ
Text: Ephesians 2:10-18

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The primary purpose of our identity in Christ is for God to reconcile us to Himself, reveal to us our identity (how He sees us) and to showcase us to the world so that our lives will bring Him glory.

- **To reconcile us to the Father. Ephesians 2:14-18**
- **To discover our unique purpose and bring God glory. Ephesians 2:10**

Ephesians 2: 14-18 *“For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, 15 by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, 16 and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. 17 He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.” (NIV)*

Walking closely with the Holy Spirit and growing in the knowledge of the word of God, brings revelation day by day because we now have a direct connection with the Father. This access is what Jesus Christ came to reestablish but unfortunately many believers do not leverage this relationship. We keep a long distance with the Father. How can you know the father that you do not relate with intimately?

KNOW WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST

1. I am a child of God – John 1:12 “Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God”
2. I am Christ’s friend – John 15:15
3. I am chosen and appointed by Christ to bear His fruit – John 15:16
4. I am a joint heir with Christ, sharing His inheritance with Him – Romans 8:17
5. I am a new creation in Christ – 2 Corinthians 5:17
6. I am God’s workmanship, masterpiece, handiwork – Ephesians 2:10
7. I am citizen of heaven, seated with Christ. Ephesians 2:6
8. I am a fellow citizen with the rest of God’s family – Ephesians 2:19
9. I am righteous and holy. Ephesians 4:24
10. I am complete in Christ – Colossians 2:10
11. I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins. Colossians 1:14
12. I have direct access to God through the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 2:18

Questions:

- What do you call yourself? How do you see yourself? Is there any lie you need to tear down?
- What has God called you? How does He affirm you? How does He see you?

HOW GOD REVEALS YOUR IDENTITY

1. Through the scriptures
2. Through words of prophecy
3. Through an audible voice from God
4. Through visions and dreams
5. Through combination of events, prayer, worship, journaling,
6. Through faith and acts of obedience, etc.
7. Through divine encounters

God affirming and revealing Jesus to the world:

Matthew 3:16-17 *“When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. 17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”* (NKJV)

DISCOVER HOW GOD SEES YOU

Knowing who you are in Christ I believe starts with an encounter with God. Below are some biblical examples of people who encountered God and received a clear revelation of how God sees them.

1. Abraham –

Genesis 17: 5-6 *“No longer will you be called Abram^[b]; your name will be Abraham,^[c] for I have made you a father of many nations. ⁶I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you.* (NIV)

2. Jeremiah

Jeremiah 1:4-5 *The word of the Lord came to me, saying,⁵ “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”* (NKJV)

3. Gideon

Judges 6:12 *“And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him, and said to him, “The Lord is with you, you mighty man of valor!”* (NKJV)

4. Zerubbabel

Haggai 2:23 *“On that day,’ declares the Lord Almighty, ‘I will take you, my servant Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel,’ declares the Lord, ‘and I will make you like my signet ring, for I have chosen you,’ declares the Lord Almighty.”* (NIV)

Prayer & Confession:

I am a CHILD OF GOD. I am LOVED unconditionally by my father in heaven. I am CHOSEN by God; I am CREATED in His Image. I am the apple of His eyes, I am ROYALTY, I am HOLY, I am SPECIAL, I am BEAUTIFUL, I am WISE, I am FAVORED, and I am BLESSED I know WHO I AM, I know WHOSE I AM.

Conclusion – To prevent identity crisis, you must position yourself to hear what God has to say to you and you must embrace God’s identification of you! When you embrace your Identity in Christ; the Father will reveal your purpose to you.