

UNBELIEF Martin Luther IDENTITY apart from JESUS Miroslav Volf



Identity a root sin?

Identity a Huge Issue today!

Miroslav Volf... Examples

→ only in Jesus can you get an identity that
embraces vs. excluding the other

① Identity apart from JESUS

☰☰ SIMON

Religious Man Pharisee 3X, identity built on
WORD, Covenant + Obedience + Purity

Host, Meals in Ancient culture (1) set
boundaries (defined insider-outsider status)
and (2) established social status Joel Green

Simon's internal judgment of Jesus ... Green,
"Given pharisaical views of holiness... The woman
who enters Simon's house, whose sinful state is
evident to all, comes into this scene like an
alien communicable disease..."

Ha, why I dislike religious people! Not so quick...

Since the FALL Genesis 3 Humanity's identity deconstruction project, which takes both religious and irreligious forms, results in "exclusionary identities" Volf

Examples Today... Barb's remarks

You? What's your identity in P = Who do you let in?

② Identity in Jesus

■■■ Sinful Woman... Beautiful? ↴

Bold and Vulnerable: enters Simon's home where she is "impure" and "excluded"... and weeps

Loves Much ► Intimacy of letting her hair down ► because forgiven much

Changed from ❤ out, transformed from her sinfull ways pours out alabaster flask "tools of her trade"

Restored into Jesus' community "Your sins are forgiven... Your faith has saved you; go in peace" For? Woman...but more, disciples!

JESUS HOSPITALITY/TABLE FELLOWSHIP/WEDDING FEAST OF LAMB

How does Jesus give this beautiful identity ?

1 He confronts you in your sin 7:40ff

☰☰ How personally Jesus confronts "Simon" of his internal judgment of Jesus, evaluation of situation, lack of hospitality... public Symposia

Spiritual earthquake ► Simon ran to Jesus

Has Jesus confronted you of your soul ugly sin?

Have you seen ugliness of your identity apart from him?

TEST He who is forgiven little loves little

2 He covers you w. forgiveness and His love

☰☰ Jesus, honored guest, "prophet" covers + then forgives the sinful woman!

See how secure you would be if you were

* fully known + forgiven * fully loved + accepted

3 He calls you to belong to His people - community of forgiven + loved sinners - who are bold + broken ► to share his embracing love w. all others! Miroslav Volf...

→ Practical step... Your table fellowship