

Unfiltered: Seeing God Clearly In A World Of Distortion

Part 2 ⇒ Seeing Who You Are



We need to clearly see all God has for us to be able to walk in all God has for us. **CLEAR SIGHT** leads to a **CONFIDENT WALK**. To the degree that I clearly see can I walk in all God has for me! **We gotta see so we can walk!**

We have a **Calling**, an **Inheritance**, and unbelievable **Power Available To Us**, but if we don't know it, we will not walk in them. **Hosea 4:6** ⇒ "My people are destroyed from lack of **knowledge**. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also reject you as my priests; because you have ignored the law of your God, I also will ignore your children."

IT IS POSSIBLE TO BE A "BELIEVER" AND YET MISS IT ⇒ Matthew 13:9-16:

"9 Whoever has ears, let them hear." 10 The disciples came to him and asked, "Why do you speak to the people in parables?" 11 He replied, "Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. 12 Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. 13 This is why I speak to them in parables: "Though **seeing**, they do not **see**; though **hearing**, they do not **hear** or **understand**. 14 In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah: "'You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving. 15 For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might **see** with their **eyes**, **hear** with their **ears**, **understand** with their **hearts** and **turn**, and I would **heal** them.' 16 But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear."

Real Talk With Jesus:

- ◇ **We Can See But Not Pay Attention,**
- ◇ **We Can Have Ears But Not Understand,**
- ◇ **We Can Have A Heart But Get Calloused,**
- ◇ **How Do You Know If You Are Paying Attention, Understanding, and Not Getting Calloused?** ⇒ v.15 ⇒ **You Will See, Hear, Understand, Turn and Get Healed...**

This all plays out in a powerful passage in **Ephesians 1:15-23** ⇒ These were Spirit-filled, Bible-believing, miracle-experiencing, faith-walking believers! We can see all they had experienced in Acts 19:1-20:

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| ⇒ Salvation & Holy Spirit Baptism | ⇒ Society-Wide Saturation With The Gospel Message |
| ⇒ Discipleship & Mentoring & Bible College Training | ⇒ "Extraordinary Miracles" |
| ⇒ Society-Wide Large-Scale Repentance | ⇒ The Name Of Jesus Held In High Honor |

But still, look at what Paul prayed for **THESE BELIEVERS** in **Ephesians 1:15-23**:

"15 For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, 16 I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. 17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. 18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength 20 he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22 And God placed all things

under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.”

Paul Prayed For These Believers To See 3 Things...

- 1) Their **Calling** ⇒ **IDENTITY & PURPOSE** ⇒ To See **Who You Are In Christ!** If you know who you are, you will never again be someone else!
- 2) Their **Inheritance** ⇒ **INHERITANCE & POSSESSIONS** ⇒ To See **What You Have In Christ!** If you know what you have, you will never again settle for what you got!
- 3) Their **Power** ⇒ **INFLUENCE & POWER** ⇒ To See **What You Can Do In Christ!** If you know what you can do, you will never again settle for limitations!

Seeing Your Calling: Who You Are In Christ...

If you know who you are, you will never again be someone else!

We are all living today what we believe about ourself. *Where the mind goes, the man follows!* Your perception of yourself is so important. How you view yourself determines & affects so much in your life. You'll never behave consistently in a way that contradicts your view of yourself.

At its heart, *insecurity is a negative sense of self; an inability to rest and be at peace with who and what you are.* Dr. Joyce Brothers said: *“An individual’s self-concept is the core of his personality. It affects every aspect of human behavior: the ability to learn, the capacity to grow and change, the choice of friends, mates, and careers. It is no exaggeration to say that a strong, positive self-image is the best possible preparation for success in life”.*

Who You See Yourself To Be Determines...

- 1) *Your Level Of Faith* ⇒ Numbers 13:33
- 2) *Your Experience Of Emotional Wellbeing* ⇒ 2 Corinthians 10:3-5; Romans 14:17
- 3) *Your Sense Of Security* ⇒ The “I Am’s” Of Christ
- 4) *Your Depth Of Self-Confidence* ⇒ Numbers 13,14
- 5) *Your Response To God’s Call* ⇒ Exodus 3 & 4; Judges 6,7
- 6) *Your Scale Of Accomplishment* ⇒ Numbers 13,14
- 7) *Your Walk Of Freedom* ⇒ John 8:30-32
- 8) *Your Extent Of Obedience* ⇒ I Samuel 15:24-31; I Samuel 9:1,2,21; I Samuel 10:23,24 ⇒ Saul
- 9) *Your Love For Others* ⇒ I John 4:19,
- 10) *Your Security With Others* ⇒ John 13:1-17

Who Defines You?

The question of “**WHO AM I?**” & “**WHO DEFINES ME?**” is one people have wrestled with for centuries. Even Jesus. Jesus was challenged with the question of “**WHO AM I?**” in Luke 4. Right before Jesus was tempted in the wilderness, He had

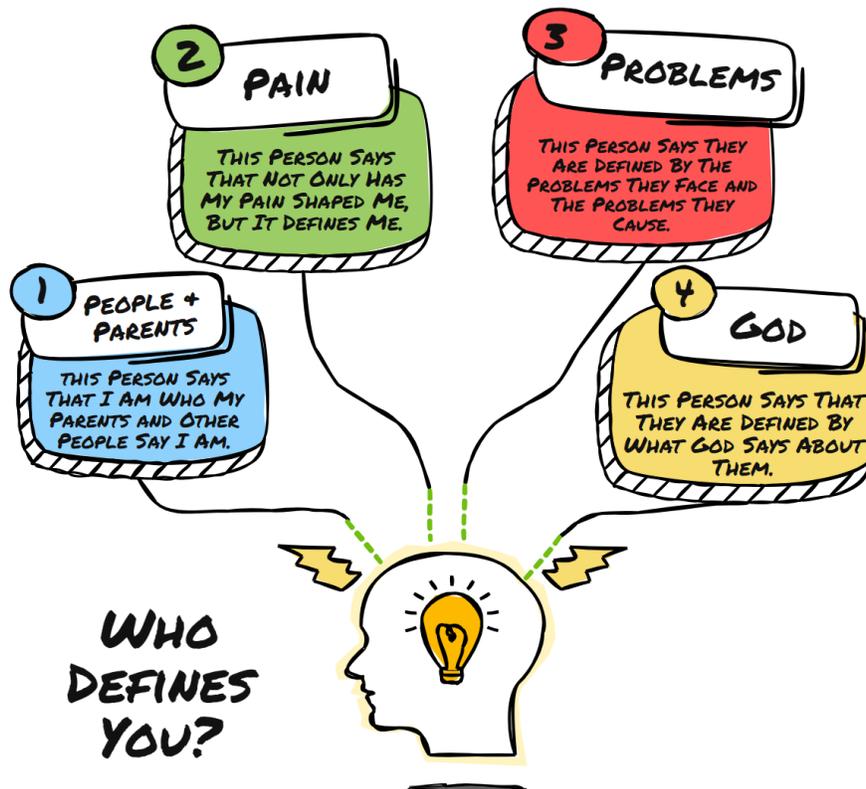
been affirmed by God in His Identity and **WHO HE WAS** at His Baptism: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" ⇒ Luke 3:22 ⇒ As soon as that occurred, the Holy Spirit led Him into the desert to be tempted by the devil.

Of the 3 temptations the devil used on Jesus, two of them began with this challenge: "**If you are the Son of God...**" Jesus had just been affirmed in His identity at His baptism. **Right after**, the devil challenged Him in His identity, asking Him, "**WHO DEFINES YOU?**" He questioned His identity, egging Him on saying, "**If you are the Son of God, turn these stones into bread. If you are the Son of God, jump off the highest part of the Temple...**" Jesus had just been affirmed in God about His identity, and now the devil questioned and challenged it.

⇒ ⇒ **AND RIGHT AFTER, HIS MINISTRY EXPLODED IN POWER!**

When we were born again, we received a new identity that can be summed up in 2 words: "**In Christ**"! At some point you will be asked the question: "**WHO ARE YOU?**"

How will you answer this question? Who defines you is so important because *perception is reality*. God has already defined you, but if you choose to believe another definition, **to you that will be reality**. Parents & People can define you, Pain can, Problems can, or God can define you...



Who Are You?

1) The Righteousness Of God In Christ, NOT A Failing Sinner

2 Corinthians 5:21 ⇒ "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." Many sin because they see themselves as a *Sinner*.

Breaking Free Of Sin:

- ☺ **Repent Of All Sin** ⇒ [1 John 1:5-10](#); [Romans 2:4](#); [James 4:7](#)
- ☺ **Renew Your Self-Image** ⇒ [Romans 12:2](#); [2 Corinthians 10:3-5](#) ⇒ **See Yourself As:**
 - ♥ **Righteous** ⇒ [2 Corinthians 5:21](#)
 - ♥ **Holy** ⇒ [1 Peter 2:9](#)
 - ♥ **Perfect** ⇒ [Hebrews 10:14](#)
 - ♥ **Free From Sin's Power** ⇒ [Colossians 1:13](#)
 - ♥ **Dead To Sin and Alive To God In Christ** ⇒ [Romans 6:11-14](#)

2) A Child Of God, NOT A Fearful, Cowering Slave

[Romans 8:15-17 \(TLB\)](#) ⇒ "So you should not be like cowering, fearful slaves. You should behave instead like God's very own children, adopted into His Family - calling Him "Father, dear Father." For His Holy Spirit speaks to us deep in our hearts and tells us that we are God's children. And since we are His children, we will share His treasures - for everything God gives to His Son, Christ, is ours, too..." **Many live in fear, trapped with a "Slave Mindset", which is Fear.**

Breaking Out Of The Slave Cave:

- ♥ **Seeing His Perfect Love For Me Casts Out My Fear** ⇒ [1 John 4:17](#)
- ♥ **Seeing His Extravagant Love For Me Proves My Worth** ⇒ [1 Peter 1:18-20](#)
- ♥ **Seeing His Multi-Dimensional Love For Me Fills Me With God's Fullness** ⇒ [Ephesians 3:14-21](#) ⇒ Height, length, depth, and width!
- ♥ **Seeing His Powerful Love For Me Makes Me A Champion** ⇒ [Romans 8:35-39](#). *I Am More Than A Conqueror Through His Love!*

3) Wonderfully Made & Destined For Greatness, NOT Feeble & Small

[Psalm 139:13-18](#) ⇒ "You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous - and how well I know it. You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. How precious are your thoughts about me, O God! They are innumerable! I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand!"

Breakthrough The Wall Of Small:

- ♥ **You Are Destined For Personal Greatness** ⇒ [Genesis 1:26-31](#)
- ♥ **You Are Destined For Family Greatness** ⇒ [Isaiah 54:13](#)
- ♥ **You Are Destined For Financial Greatness** ⇒ [Deuteronomy 8:18](#); [3 John 2](#)
- ♥ **You Are Destined For Ministry Greatness** ⇒ [Ephesians 2:10](#)
- ♥ **You Are Destined To Do Things BIG** ⇒ [1 Corinthians 2:9,10](#); [John 15:16](#)

Who Am I?

I am the salt of the earth (Matt. 5:13).
I am the light of the world (Matt. 5:14).
I am a child of God (John 1:12).
I am part of the true vine, a channel of Christ's life (John 15:1, 5).
I am Christ's friend (John 15:15).
I am chosen and appointed by Christ to bear His fruit (John 15:16).
I am a slave of righteousness (Rom. 6:18).
I am enslaved to God (Rom. 6:22).
I am a son of God; God is spiritually my Father (Rom. 8:14, 15; Gal. 3:26; 4:6).
I am a joint heir with Christ, sharing His inheritance with Him (Rom. 8:17).
I am a temple - a dwelling place - of God. His Spirit and His life dwells in me (1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19).
I am united to the Lord and am one spirit with Him (1 Cor. 6:17).
I am a member of Christ's Body (1 Cor. 12:27; Eph. 5:30).
I am a new creation (2 Cor. 5:17).
I am reconciled to God and am a minister of reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:18, 19).
I am a son of God and one in Christ (Gal. 3:26, 28).
I am an heir of God since **I** am a son of God (Gal. 4:6,7).
I am a saint (Eph. 1:1; 1 Cor. 1:2; Phil. 1:1; Col. 1:2).
I am God's workmanship - His handiwork - born anew in Christ to do His work (Eph. 2:10).
I am a fellow citizen with the rest of God's family (Eph. 2:19).
I am a prisoner of Christ (Eph. 3:1; 4:1).
I am righteous and holy (Eph. 4:24).
I am a citizen of heaven, seated in heaven right now (Phil. 3:20; Eph. 2:6).
I am hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3).
I am an expression of the life of Christ because He is my life (Col. 3:4).
I am chosen of God, holy and dearly loved (Col. 3:12; 1 Thess. 1:4).
I am a son of light and not of darkness (1 Thess. 5:5).
I am a holy partaker of a heavenly calling (Heb. 3:1).
I am a holy partaker of Christ; **I** share in His life (Heb. 3:14).
I am one of God's living stones, being built up in Christ as a spiritual house (1 Pet. 2:5).
I am a member of a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession (1 Pet. 2:9, 10).
I am an alien and stranger to this world in which **I** temporarily live (1 Pet. 2:11).
I am an enemy of the devil (1 Pet. 5:8).
I am a child of God and **I** will resemble Christ when he returns (1 John 3:1,2).
I am born of God, and the evil one - the devil - cannot touch me (1 John 5:18).
I am not the great "**I** am" (Exod. 3:14; John 8:24,28,58), but by grace of God **I** am what **I** am (1 Cor. 15:10).
Since **I** am in Christ, by the grace of God... **I** have been Justified - completely forgiven and made righteous (Rom. 5:1).

I died with Christ and died to the power of sin's rule over my life (Rom. 6:1-6).
I am free forever from condemnation (Rom. 8:1).
I have been placed into Christ by God's doing (1 Cor. 1:30).
I have received the Spirit of God into my life that **I** might know the things freely given to me by God (1 Cor. 2:12).
I have been given the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:16).
I have been bought with a price; **I** am not my own; **I** belong to God (1 Cor. 6:19,20).
I have been established, anointed and sealed by God in Christ, and **I** have been given the Holy Spirit as a pledge guaranteeing my inheritance to come (2 Cor. 1:21; Eph. 1:13, 14).
Since **I** have died, **I** no longer live for myself, but for Christ (2 Cor. 5:14, 15).
I have been made righteous (2 Cor. 5:21).
I have been crucified with Christ and it is no longer **I** who Live, but Christ lives in me. The life **I** am now living is Christ's life (Gal. 2:20).
I have been blessed with every spiritual blessing (Eph. 1:3).
I was chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and am without blame before Him (Eph. 1:4).
I was predestined - determined by God - to be adopted as God's son (Eph. 1:5).
I have been redeemed and forgiven, and **I** am a recipient of His lavish grace.
I have been made alive together with Christ (Eph. 2:5).
I have been raised up and seated with Christ in heaven (Eph. 2:6).
I have direct access to God through the Spirit (Eph. 2:18).
I may approach God with boldness, freedom and confidence (Eph. 3:12).
I have been rescued from the domain of Satan's rule and transferred to the kingdom of Christ (Col. 1:13).
I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins. The debt against me has been cancelled (Col. 1:14).
Christ Himself is in me (Col. 1:27).
I am firmly rooted in Christ and am being built in Him (Col. 2:7).
I have been spiritually circumcised. My old unregenerate nature has been removed (Col. 2:11).
I have been made complete in Christ (Col. 2:10).
I have been buried, raised and made alive with Christ (Col. 2:12,13).
I died with Christ and **I** have been raised up with Christ. My life is now hidden with Christ in God. Christ is now my Life (Col. 3:1-4).
I have been given a spirit of power, love and self-discipline (2 Tim. 1:7).
I have been saved and set apart according to God's doing (2 Tim. 1:9; Titus 3:5).
Because **I** am sanctified and am one with the Sanctifier, He is not ashamed to call me brother (Heb. 2:11).
I have the right to come boldly before the throne of God to find mercy and grace in time of need (Heb. 4:16).
I have been given exceedingly great and precious promises by God by which **I** am a partaker of God's divine nature (2 Pet. 1:4).