

THE HEART OF GOD: IDENTITY

Who God created us to be as His sons and daughters...alive and active participants within the Kingdom of God.

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IDENTITY

- Identity is being who a person is – live as we were created to be
- Identity is a close similarity – image bearers
- Identity is a transformation – transformed by Him

COLOSSIANS 1:13-14

¹³ He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

CONVEYED

- “to transpose, transfer, from one place to another”
- transfer given to humanity from the **power of darkness** to the **kingdom of the Son**
- transfer occurs through the **redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins**

A KEY UNDERSTANDING AND REVELATION OF
MY IDENTITY AS A SON OR DAUGHTER OF GOD?

- Jesus paid and stamped “approved” on my transfer papers.

COLOSSIANS 1:15-16

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

COLOSSIANS 1:17

- **¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. ¹⁸ And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.**

JESUS

- **image of the invisible God**
- **the firstborn over all creation**
- **by Him, through Him and for Him**
- **He is before all things, and in Him all things consist**

A KEY UNDERSTANDING AND REVELATION OF
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- That all “things” were created **by Him, through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.**

COLOSSIANS 1:19-20

¹⁹ For it pleased *the Father that* in Him all the fullness should dwell, ²⁰ and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

COLOSSIANS 1:19-20

¹⁹ For God is satisfied to have all his fullness dwelling in Christ. ²⁰ And by the blood of his cross, everything in heaven and earth is brought back to himself—*back to its original intent, restored to innocence again!*

COLOSSIANS 1:21-22

- **²¹ And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled ²² in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight—**

**HOLY, AND BLAMELESS, AND ABOVE
REPROACH IN HIS SIGHT**

- nothing that can be “called into account”
- nothing that we can be “blamed”
- not our actions that define who we are as sons and daughters of God
- it is the action of Christ 2000 years ago that defines who we are as sons and daughters of God

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- It is Christ's action on our behalf that defines us as **holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight.**

COLOSSIANS 1:23

- **²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.**

**CONTINUE IN THE FAITH,
GROUNDED AND STEADFAST**

- not moving from this strong foundation
- we are to be immovable from the foundation of our faith

**NOT BE MOVED AWAY FROM THE
HOPE OF THE GOSPEL**

- confident expectation of the good news of Jesus
- choosing to live from the truth of who Jesus is
- choosing to focus on the confident expectation of Jesus
- revelation grows regarding who we are as sons and daughters of God
- revelation determines how we live out our life

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