THE HEART OF GOD: IDENTITY 2.0

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

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

- Jesus paid and stamped "approved" on my transfer papers.
- That all "things" were created **by Him, through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.**
- It is Christ's action on our behalf that defines us as holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight.
- It is when we continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, not moved away from the hope of the gospel, that there is a transformation of our hearts and a revealing of our identity.

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

If then you were raised with Christ, <u>seek</u> those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. ² <u>Set</u> your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. ³ For you died, and your life is <u>hidden</u> with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will <u>appear</u> with Him in glory.

4 KEYS WORDS

- Seek
- Set
- Hidden
- Appear

SEEK THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE ABOVE

• "to seek in order to find"

²⁹ But from there you will seek
the LORD your God, and you will find *Him* if
you seek Him with all your heart and with
all your soul. (Deut 4:29)

• Living from a place of seeking Him takes us out of complacency and into His purposes.

<u>SET</u> YOUR MIND ON THINGS ABOVE, NOT ON THINGS ON THE EARTH

- "set your affections"
- "exercise our mind"
- to focus, to "entertain" on God's ways, on God's kingdom
- To "direct one's mind to a thing" specifically on things above

ROMANS 12:2

²And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

SET YOUR MIND ON THINGS ABOVE

- Declaring God's truth
- Asking God for His perspective
- Reading the Word
- Thankfulness

 Living from a place of setting our minds on things above (Him) creates within us a Kingdom of God perspective.

FOR YOU DIED, AND YOUR LIFE IS <u>HIDDEN</u> WITH CHRIST IN GOD.

• "the phrase hidden with Christ in God means our life now rests safely locked away in Christ. He is our life now. We are in Christ and we have all the benefits Christ has as a beloved one of God."

FOR YOU DIED, AND YOUR LIFE IS <u>HIDDEN</u> WITH CHRIST IN GOD.

- "krypto"
- "hidden, conceal, to be hid"
- we stand firmly in who Jesus is, we see Jesus revealed in our lives
- thermostat vs thermometer

 Living from a place of hiddenness in Christ sets our environment, instead of allowing our environment to set us.

WHEN CHRIST WHO IS OUR LIFE APPEARS, THEN YOU ALSO WILL <u>APPEAR</u> WITH HIM IN GLORY.

- End times "appearing"
- Everyday "appearing"
- Christ = Life = appearance of our identity = God appearing through us

- This "appearing" comes as we position ourselves
- Living from a place of seeking, setting our minds, choosing to live from a place of hiddenness with Christ in God

4 KEYS WORDS

- Seek we will find His purposes
- Set focus on Him Kingdom Perspective
- Hidden our place Kingdom environment
- Appear revealing glory

- Living from a place of seeking Him takes us out of complacency and into His purposes.
- Living from a place of setting our minds on things above (Him) creates within us a Kingdom of God perspective.

- Living from a place of hiddenness in Christ sets our environment, instead of allowing our environment to set us.
- Living from a place of seeking, setting our minds, choosing to live from a place of hiddenness with Christ in God