

LABELS

The problem arises when the label begins to define us instead of being descriptive of us.

Something can be true about my story without
it becoming the truth about my identity

A person will not consistently act in a manner that is inconsistent with what they really believe themselves to be.

Before sin, there was no shame.

Gen 2:25

And the man and his wife were both naked and
were **not ashamed**.

Identity preceded performance

If Satan can get you to question God's Word, he
can eventually get you to question God's
character. Once God's voice loses authority...
another voice gets to define reality

Sin changed how they saw themselves.

Gen 3:7

Then the eyes of both of them were opened,
and they knew that they were naked;
and they sewed fig leaves together and made
themselves loin coverings.

Shame makes us hide

Gen 3:9-11

Then the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "**Where are you?**" He said, "I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself."

Gen 3:11

And He said, "**Who told you** that you were
naked?

Who told you that?

Shame says "I'm less than what God says I am". Pride says "I'm more because of something other than what God says I am."

Some of us build our identity out of our worst moments. Others build their identity from their best moments. The Gospel won't let us do either.

2 Cor 5:17

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.