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**If you died with Christ to the elements of this world, why
do you live as if you still belonged to the world?
Colossians 2v20 (CSB)**



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Scripture



**It is easy to believe we are handcrafting our own
identity, but our identity has really been shaped by the
forces around us.**



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Scripture



The possibility of knowing yourself is grounded in the fact that your **self** is already known to God.



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Scripture



So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Colossians 3v1-4 (CSB)



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Scripture



Jesus invites us to surrender what you think your identity should be, so that the identity Jesus gives you is the foundation from which you live.



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Colossians 3v1-4 (CSB)



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Scripture



To be “hidden in Christ” implies both **security** and **mystery**.



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Scripture



“To know God’s love is to rest in the deepest truth about
yourself—that you are God’s beloved.”
David Benner



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Scripture



I pray that you, being rooted and firmly established in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the length and width, height and depth of God's love, and to know Christ's love that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3v17-19 (CSB)



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Scripture



When we surrender our self-made identity, we don't lose our identity—we discover our truest identity in Jesus.



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Scripture



“Whether we realize it or not, our being is grounded in God’s love. The generative love of God was our origin. The embracing love of God sustains our existence. The inextinguishable love of God is the only hope for our fulfillment. Love is our identity and calling, for we are children of Love. Created from love, of love and for love, our existence makes no sense apart from Divine love...an identity grounded in God would mean that when we think of who we are, the first thing that would come to mind is our status as someone who is deeply loved by God.”

David Benner



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Scripture



Four movements of the heart to open you to Jesus’ grace:

1. Name your false identity



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Scripture



Four movements of the heart to open you to Jesus' grace:

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3. Receive your true identity from Jesus



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Scripture



Four movements of the heart to open you to Jesus' grace:

- 1. Name your false identity**
- 2. Lay down your false identity at the cross**
- 3. Receive your true identity from Jesus**
- 4. Live from God's love**



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