



Connecting People to **Jesus**

**DAILY DEVOTIONAL**

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**Prayer:** God, apart from You we are nothing and we have nothing. Thank You for seeking us out. Thank you for sending Your Son who reveals You to us. Thank you for saving us through His perfect sacrifice and resurrection. Amen.

**Scripture: Genesis 1:27**

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

**Devotional – “Not Your Own”**

Despite what our society and culture and the glowing box in your living room tells you, we are not our own. We did not create ourselves, so we cannot find ourselves by looking to ourselves. If we want to truly know who we are, we must look to God in whose image we were made.

Our sin has distorted that image for sure, but the Good News of the Gospel is that God did not leave us to ourselves to understand who we are. God put on flesh as a man not only to reveal Himself to us and reveal the sinfulness we all share that has distorted our understanding of ourselves, but God also came as a man to deal with our sin, to pay for it by dying as the perfect God-man, so that we would be forgiven through faith in His resurrection from the dead and have our eyes reopened to the truth. If we want to understand who we are, if we want to find ourselves, we must look to Jesus. As Colossians 1 says, “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.”

Trying to “find ourselves” by looking to what we think we understand about ourselves is not only self-contradictory, but also self-defeating because we cannot save ourselves, we cannot save our soul by a better understanding of who we are. We can only be saved and be restored into the presence of God if we are made new. That is exactly what the love of God has done for us in Christ. As 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

Look to Jesus with the eyes of faith and you’ll not only find yourself, you’ll find eternal life.

Thanks for joining me for another daily devotional, and remember, that God has forgiven yesterday, is with you today, and has already taken care of tomorrow. Amen.