



Part 3: What's In Your Wallet?
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The truth about “me” from Genesis 1 and 2:

I was created in the image of God, uniquely and intentionally, for the purpose of glorifying Jesus in everything I do.

The fingerprints of God are on my soul.

Proven Ways to Protect Your Identity

Deter

Detect

Defend

DETER the enemy by knowing your new identity in Christ Jesus

A sinner

Saved by grace

Dead in sin

Alive to Christ

A slave

But set free

Released

Into a whole new

relationship

Struggling

But never alone

Additional scriptures on spiritual identity:

Romans 5:1; Romans 8:1-2, 28;

1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Ephesians 1:3-8;

Colossians 1:13-14; Philippians 1:6;

Philippians 4:13; 1 John 5:18;

Ephesians 2:10

Paul shares our struggle with the old identity (Romans 7)

But I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to

sin. (verse 14)

I do not understand what I do. For what

I want to do I do not do, but what I

hate, I do. (vs. 15)

I know that nothing good lives in me...

(vs. 18)

For I have the desire to do what is good

but I cannot carry it out. (vs. 18)

So I find this law at work: When I want

to do good, evil is right there with

me. (vs. 21)

...but I see another law at work in the

members of my body, waging war

against the law of my mind and

making me a prisoner of the law of sin

at work within my members. (vs. 23)

DETECT the fuel that reignites your old nature:

Predictable patterns, known weaknesses,

sin triggers, dwelling on past mistakes

The Old: ⁵ Put to death, therefore,

whatever belongs to your earthly nature:

sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil

desires and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶

Because of these, the wrath of God

is coming. ⁷ You used to walk in these

ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸ But

now you must also rid yourselves of all

such things as these: anger, rage, malice,

slander, and filthy language from your

lips. ⁹ Do not lie to each other, since

you have taken off your old self with its

practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self,

which is being renewed in knowledge

in the image of its Creator. ¹¹ Here there

is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or

uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave

or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

– Colossians 3:5-11

DEFEND your identity with the proper fuel for your new nature

Worship, prayer, serving, giving, reading

the Bible, spiritual disciplines

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people,

holy and dearly loved, clothe

yourselves with compassion, kindness,

humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³

Bear with each other and forgive one

another if any of you has a grievance

against someone. Forgive as the Lord

forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these

virtues put on love, which binds them

all together in perfect unity.

– Colossians 3:12-14

Paul makes a statement and asks a question:

What a wretched man I am! Who will

rescue me from this body of death?"

– Romans 7:24

DEFEND yourself with the proper answer to Paul's question:

Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ

our Lord! – Romans 7:24-25

The Answer: Jesus

Small Group Questions

- 1) What's in your wallet right now? What do the contents say about you?
- 2) Have you ever been a victim of identity theft? What happened?
- 3) Read Romans 7. It's a tough passage, but how does Paul's struggle with sin encourage you in your own battle? Do you find any keys to winning?
- 4) Read Colossians 3:5-11. What are some areas of your old life that had to come off because of your new identity? Read Colossians 3:12-14. What are some new areas that Jesus is perfecting in you right now?
- 5) How can we pray for you right now and throughout the week?