

IDENTITY THEFT

WHO IS GOD, WHO AM I, WHO ARE WE?

Identity Theft: Who Am I?

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Discovering our TRUE identity in Christ is priority #1 because having our identity in Christ stolen is the most destructive identity theft of all. Our identity in Christ is stolen when we allow our culture to label us according to this world's standards.

*“So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. **Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking.** Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, **God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.**”*

Romans 12:1-2 (MSG)

1. What do these verses have to say about the culture's influence on our identity?

2. What do these verses say about God's influence on our identity?

A. Who has the right to label you?

- Only God - He created you Psalm 139:1 (MSG)
- Only God - He purchased you 1 Peter 1:18-19 (MSG)
- Only God - He owns you 1 Corinthians 6:19 (NIV)

3. Explain, in your own words, what the three points above mean to you?

4. How should these truths affect your identity?

B. Do not conform to the culture - Be transformed by God

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” Romans 12:2 (NIV)

5. Give an example of being ‘conformed to the pattern of this world’?

6. Give an example of being ‘transformed by the renewing of your mind’?

C. How are we transformed?

- Spend time daily in the Word and prayer
- Stop caring about the ways of our culture
- Rip off the labels our culture has put on you

7. What false labels have the culture tried to stick on you?

8. How will you begin to get out from under these false labels?

D. Who am I?

“God’s Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are. We know who He is, and we know who we are: Father and children.” Romans 8:16 (MSG)

You were created in the image and likeness of God. If you have placed your faith in Christ you are a Child of God with a plan and purpose.

9. How do you answer the question ‘who am I’?