

Me As God Sees Me June 9, 2024

“I am who God says I am”

When Jesus is Lord, you’re a new person, now walk in His authority

2 Corinthians 5:17 ...anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

2 Corinthians 5:16-18 MSG ...we don’t evaluate people by what they have or how they look...Now we look inside, & what we see is that anyone united w/ the Messiah gets a fresh start, is created new. The old life is gone; a new life emerges! Look at it! All this comes from the God...

The old flesh man wants to rise up...but the new spirit man is stronger!

We see this in the life of Peter...

Jesus said, “Your old man, Simon is now new man Peter – Rock! On your confession of faith in Me, I will build My church!” Peter was faithful, a close friend, strong, & committed. Jesus had great confidence in Peter.

When the soldiers came to arrest Jesus, he pulled out a sword & cut off a soldier’s ear. He was ready to die defending Christ. That’s the “see myself the way God sees me Peter”.

But after Jesus was arrested & being interrogated, Peter was outside & a lady said aren’t you one of Jesus’ disciples? He said, no. A second time, he answered the same. Then, a third time, a person said, “I know you’re His disciple, I saw you w/ Him.” This time Peter got angry & started cursing & swearing, “I don’t know the Man!” Just a minute ago he was defending Jesus, now he’s denying...that’s the old man!

There’s the defend you Peter, & the deny you Peter.

The kind Peter, and the cuss you out Peter.

The great to see you today Peter, & the I can’t stand to see you Peter.

****Storytime w/ Pastor Frank****

Matthew 14:24 ...the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind had risen, & they were fighting heavy waves. 25 About three o’clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. 26

When the disciples saw Him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, "It's a ghost!" 27 But Jesus spoke to them at once. "Don't be afraid," He said. "Take courage. I am here!" 28 Then Peter called to Him, "Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water." 29 "Yes, come," Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat & walked on the water toward Jesus. 30 But when he saw the strong wind & the waves, he was terrified & began to sink. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted. 31 Jesus immediately reached out & grabbed him. "You have so little faith," Jesus said. "Why did you doubt me?" 32 When they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped. 33 Then the disciples worshiped Him. "You really are the Son of God!" they exclaimed.

When you see yourself the way God sees you & believe in yourself the way God believes in you, you walk in the authority of a believer. You walk by faith. You take risks. You move out of that comfortable security zone & say, "Thank you Jesus, I'm gonna step out on the water!"

When you doubt yourself, you're doubting what God said about you. You're doubting God. You're doubting the Holy Spirit working in you. God says that you belong to Him, you're victorious, & an overcomer!

*****Frank's Wall Plaque*****

Philippians 4:13 AMP I can do all things, which He has called me to do, through Him who strengthens & empowers me to fulfill His purpose - I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency; I am ready for anything & equal to anything through Him who infuses me w/ inner strength & confident peace.

When we doubt ourself, we usually make excuses. We rationalize why we're undisciplined, don't pray or read the Word, don't witness to others. Come on, walk in His authority; believe you're who He says you are & experience a powerful & exciting life w/ Jesus. No more excuses.

Be determined & walk in the authority of Jesus...

You were created in the likeness & image of God. He put you here & said, "You have dominion, & you're in charge." (Genesis 1)

Psalm 8:3 When I see & consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon & the stars, which You have established, 4 What is man that You are mindful of him, & the son of earthborn man that You care for him? 5 Yet You have made him a little lower than God, & You have crowned him w/ glory & honor. 6 You made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet...

When we're born again, God crowns us w/ glory & honor through the redemption of Jesus! God thinks you're worth something, not in yourself, but because of the righteousness of Jesus; the Greater One in you.

2 Corinthians 3:5 TPT We don't see ourselves as capable enough to do anything in our own strength, for our true competence flows from God's empowering presence.

*We are empowered by the Spirit of God in us!
God created us in His image, to be like Jesus & live like Jesus.*

Romans 8:29a TPT He knew all about us before we were born & He destined us from the beginning to share the likeness of His Son...

Romans 8:37 AMP ...we're more than conquerors & gain an overwhelming victory through Him who loved us so much that He died for us.

Most Christians live so far below these verses

Ephesians 2:10 AMP We're His workmanship. His own master work; a work of art, created in Christ Jesus; reborn from above; spiritually transformed, renewed, ready to be used for good works which God prepared for us beforehand [*taking paths which He set*], so that we would walk in them; living the good life which He prearranged & made ready for us.

God is saying, "I've already planned good works for you. I've created you to do good things. You're gonna follow paths that I've already setup, & you're gonna live a good life!"

Philippians 2:13 AMP For it is not your strength, but it is God who is effectively at work in you, both to will & to work [that is, strengthening, energizing, & creating in you the longing & the ability to fulfill your purpose] for His good pleasure.

You have the strength to be ready for anything because the Holy Spirit within you is greater than anything that comes against you.

1 John 4:4 AMP ...you are of God & you belong to Him & have already overcome them [*the agents of the antichrist*]; because He who is in you is greater than he (*Satan*) who is in the world [*of sinful mankind*].

Make what God says about you, bigger than the lies of the enemy.

1 John 5:4 AMP Everyone born of God is victorious & overcomes the world; & this is the victory that has conquered & overcome the world - our continuing, persistent faith in Jesus the Son of God. ⁵ Who is the one who is victorious & overcomes the world? It is the one who believes & recognizes the fact that Jesus is the Son of God.