

*Me As God Sees Me* April 21, 2024  
*I am who God says I am*

*Let's be clear/focused & build our identity is in Jesus.*

**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...

**TPT** *We have become His poetry, a re-created people that will fulfill the destiny He's given each of us, for we're joined to Jesus, the Anointed One...*

*God has a plan & a purpose for your life.*

*Imagine a world where you see yourself the way God sees you...*

*You are more than anything that's been done to you or said about you.*

*Dare to be everything that God created you to be.*

*Make who God says you are bigger than the lies of the enemy.*

**God says that:** *My old life is dead & gone. I'm raised up w/ Christ to live a new life. I can do what He says I can do. I overcome in life. I'm more than a conqueror. I'm fulfilling my destiny in Jesus. I'm blessed w/ everything the Kingdom of heaven has to offer.*

**Colossians 3:1 AMP** If you've been raised *w/ Christ* to a new life, sharing *in His* resurrection from the dead, keep seeking the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind & keep focused *habitually* on the things above, the heavenly things, not on things that are on the earth, which have only temporal value. 3 For you died to this world, & your new, real life is *hidden w/ Christ* in God.

*When you know & believe what God says about you, more than what society says, or government or philosophers or counselors say; That's when you'll identify yourself as a creation of God; you'll rise to a higher level of life that's not only possible for you, but was planned for you.*

*Jesus came to bring abundant life, love, & value to each of you!*

*It's not about what we bring to Him,  
it's about what He's already brought to us.*

**John 15:5-8 MSG** “I’m the Vine, you’re the branches. When you’re *joined w/ Me & I w/ you*, the relation intimate & organic, the harvest is abundant. *Separated, you can’t produce a thing*. Anyone who separates from Me is deadwood & thrown on the bonfire. If you make yourselves *at home w/ Me & My words* are at home *in you*, you can be sure that whatever you ask will be listened to & acted upon.

**John 15:15 AMP** I do not call you servants any longer, for the servant doesn’t know what his master’s doing; but I’ve called you My friends, because I’ve revealed to you everything that I’ve heard from My Father. 16 You haven’t chosen Me, but I’ve chosen you & I’ve appointed & placed & purposefully planted you, so that you would go & bear fruit & keep on bearing, & that your fruit will remain & be lasting, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name, as My representative, He may give to you.

*Your identity is either the devil’s playground or an arena for success.*

*When we win the war in our minds,  
we can move forward in who God has created us to be.*

**1 Peter 2:9 AMP** You’re a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a special people for God’s own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies; the wonderful deeds & virtues & perfections of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

*For many of us, our identity has been given to us by people, experiences, culture, social media, education, etc. Not by our Heavenly Father.*

*Why do you think about yourself the way you do?  
Who do **you** think you are? Where did the thoughts come from?  
Who told you who you are?*

*Storytime w/ Pastor Frank – “Who told you that you were naked?”*

**Genesis 1:26** God said, “Let us make human beings *in our image, to be like us*. They’ll *reign over* the fish in the sea, birds in the sky, livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, & small animals that scurry along the ground.” 27 God created human beings *in His own image. In the image of God He created them*; male & female He created them. 28 Then **God blessed them** & said, “*Be fruitful & multiply. Fill the earth & govern it*.” 29 Then God said, “Look! I’ve given you every seed-bearing plant throughout the earth & all the fruit trees for your food. 30 I’ve given every green plant as food for all the wild animals, birds in the sky, & small animals that scurry along the ground-everything that has life.” That is what happened. 31 Then God looked over all He had made, & He saw that it was very good!

**Genesis 2** *man & woman living large in the garden; naked – unashamed*

**Genesis 3:1** The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the Lord God had made. One day he asked the woman, “*Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?*” 2 “Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,” the woman replied. 3 “It’s only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we’re not allowed to eat. God said, ‘You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.’” 4 “*You won’t die!*” the serpent replied to the woman. 5 “*God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it & you’ll be like God, knowing both good & evil.*” 6 **The woman was convinced.** She saw that the tree was beautiful & its fruit looked delicious & she wanted the wisdom it would give her. She took some of the fruit & ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was w/ her, & he ate it, too. 7 At that moment their eyes were opened, & they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves. 8 When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man & his wife heard the Lord God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the Lord God among the trees. 9 Then the Lord God called to the man, “*Where are you?*” 10 He replied, “I heard You walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked.” 11 “*Who told you that you were naked?*” the Lord God asked. “Have you eaten from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat?”

12 The man replied, “It was the woman You gave me who gave me the fruit, & I ate it.” 13 Then the Lord God asked the woman, “What have you done?” “The serpent deceived me,” she replied. “That’s why I ate it.”

*Don’t let your mistakes or failures or worst moments identify you.  
You can move past your past. In Jesus, you are so much more.*

*He cleansed your sin, redeemed your shame, & set you free – forever.  
Walk in that Jesus freedom today!*

**Colossians 2:8** TPT Beware that no one distracts you or intimidates you *in their attempt to lead you away from Christ’s fullness* by pretending to be full of wisdom when they’re filled w/ endless arguments of human logic. For they operate w/ humanistic & clouded judgments based on the mindset of this world system, & not the anointed truths of the Anointed One. 9 He’s the complete fullness of deity living in human form. 10 Our own completeness is now found in Him. We’re completely filled w/ God as Christ’s fullness overflows w/in us.

*Only allow God to accurately identify you.  
We identify ourselves w/ Christ, by knowing Jesus*

**Philippians 3:8** Everything else is worthless when compared w/ the infinite value of knowing Jesus. For His sake, I’ve discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage so that I could gain Christ <sup>9</sup> & become one w/ Him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become *righteous through faith in Christ*. For God’s way of making us *right w/ Himself* depends on faith.