

Me As God Sees Me May 5, 2024

Building our Identity is in Jesus

I am who God says I am

1 Corinthian 3:16,17 MSG You realize, don't you, that you're the temple of God, & God Himself is present in you? No one will get by w/ vandalizing God's temple, you can be sure of that. God's temple is sacred - & you, remember, are the temple.

Your identity is a battleground for either success or failure.

The IDENTITY thoughts of the world - society, social media, etc.

1. Loneliness, isolation
2. Depression, discouragement
3. Inferiority, comparisons
4. Negativity, pessimism
5. Poverty, lack
6. Fear: future, change, failure
7. Doubts, unbelief, worry

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

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

Colossians 2:8 Don't let anyone capture you w/ empty philosophies & high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking & from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ. ⁹ For *in Christ* lives all the fullness of God in a human body. ¹⁰ So you also are complete through your *union w/ Christ*...

We identify ourselves w/ Jesus, by knowing Jesus

Seeing yourself in Jesus is a key to your victory in life here on earth

When Jesus is Lord, you're a new person, you're in Him.

Colossians 3:2 AMP 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.

Only allow God to accurately identify you.

Let's see ourselves & speak of ourselves from our new identity in Jesus...

"I can't...I am able through Jesus"

"I'm too tired...I'm energized & disciplined"

"I'm too dumb...I am wise & I have the mind of Christ"

"I'm overwhelmed...I am an overcomer"

"I'll never be out of debt...I am prosperous & my needs are met"

"I'm not worthy...I am the righteousness of God"

"I'm a failure...I am a new person in Jesus"

2 Corinthians 10:4 We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning & to destroy false arguments. **5** We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts & teach them to obey Christ.

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Where did it all begin for you?

Share how I grew up fearful and insecure, turned to drugs and alcohol to escape reality and try to find some security.

Why/how/when did your fear start turning to Jesus?

In my mid-late teens, I was in daily torment due to fear. I knew there had to be a reason for my existence. I was seeking for truth. This increased after I graduated and I realized I had a life ahead to live.

How did you receive Jesus exactly?

By myself at 19 years old. I immediately knew this is what I'd been looking for. (I knew I had a Father who was head-over-heals in love with me, I knew that would be my identity for life.)

What was your "next step"?

God clearly put a desire in me to read the Bible. I got a Bible and started reading.

How did you start seeing yourself as God sees you?

I realized I was wrong.

So now that you're "wrong", what did you do about it?

The Bible. Specifically, I found out what God had to say about what level of courage and confidence I could be living in. Memorized one Bible verse a week, including Proverbs 28:1...

Proverbs 28:1 NKJV The wicked flee when no one pursues, but the righteous are bold as a lion.

What else did you do to get God's view of you in you?

Purchased a book about confidence, based on the Bible; saw myself living in confidence.

How did you apply this to your life in a practical way?

Trusted God.

Decided I would say "yes" to every opportunity to step out for God. Then stepped out.

Has it been difficult?

YES!! I had/have the choice to stop at any time. Sometimes thought about quitting. Haven't done it all perfectly. But overall, have decided to go forward.

What would you say to people who want to see themselves as God sees them, and who want to see change in their own life?

1. God loves me.
2. See God as my Senior Partner.
3. Find my Bible verses.
4. Apply the Bible verses to my daily life.
5. Help someone else.

Romans 8:1 AMP There is now no condemnation; no guilty verdict, no punishment for those who are ***in*** Christ Jesus - who believe in Him as personal Lord & Savior. ² For the law of the Spirit of life, which is ***in*** Christ Jesus [*the law of our new being*] has set you free from the law of sin & of death.