*Me As God Sees Me* April 14, 2024 *I am who God says I am* 

Let's be clear & focused that our identity is in Jesus. Let's discover who God says we are.

**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.

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

God says that: I'm a new person in Christ. My old life is dead & gone. I'm raised up w/ Christ to live a new life. I have what He says I have. I can do what He says I can do. I'm healed & my needs are met. I'm blessed w/ everything the Kingdom of heaven has to offer. I overcome in life. I'm more than a conqueror. I'm well able for victory. I'm fulfilling my destiny in Jesus. My life is a success in Him.

**Philippi 4:13** AMP I have strength for all things *in Christ* Who *empowers* me; I'm ready for anything & equal to anything *through Him* Who *infuses inner* strength into me; I'm self-sufficient *in Christ's* sufficiency

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 what to think & believe?

\*\*Passport, Family, Ordination, Degree, Guitars, etc. \*\*

John 15:5 AMP I am the Vine; you're the branches. The one who remains <u>in Me</u> & I in him bears/produces much fruit; for otherwise apart from Me, that is, cut off from <u>vital union w/ Me</u>, you can do nothing.

## When Jesus is Lord, you're a new person, you're <u>in</u> Him. Seeing yourself <u>in</u> Jesus is a key to your success in life here on earth.

How you see yourself is influencing/controlling every area of your life.

**Exodus 3:10** Now go, for I'm sending you to Pharaoh. You must lead My people Israel out of Egypt." 11 *But Moses protested to God*, "*Who am I* to appear before Pharaoh? *Who am I* to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt?" 12 God answered, "*I'll be w/ you*...

God says, 'Moses, it doesn't matter who you are, it matters who I am!'

When you **know & believe** what God says about you. When you believe what God says, more than what society says, or government or philosophers or counselors say; That's when you'll rise to your full potential & experience all that God has for you. As you identify yourself as a creation of God, then you'll rise to a higher level of life that's not only <u>possible</u> for you, but was <u>planned</u> for you.

But maybe you've identified yourself as worthless, insignificant, unimportant, dirt, a worm, a dog, or just a product of evolution. Many people just get used to living w/ guilt & condemnation. You live your life feeling bad about yourself & thinking negatively about yourself. **BUT GOD!** is saying to you today, (in fact, maybe this is the reason you're in the building). He says, "My child, lift up your head & come boldly to the throne of grace where you'll find mercy & help in your time of need."

## (Storytime w/ Pastor Frank)

**Numbers 13:1** The Lord said to Moses, 2 "Send out men to explore the land of Canaan, <u>the land I am giving to the Israelites</u>. Send one leader from each of the 12 tribes" 3 So Moses did as the Lord commanded him... **Numbers 13:25** After exploring the land for 40 days, the men returned 26 to Moses, Aaron & the whole community of Israel... They reported to the whole community what they'd seen & showed them the fruit they'd taken from the land. 27 This was their report to Moses: "We entered the land you sent us to explore & it's indeed a bountiful country - a land flowing w/ milk & honey. Here's the kind of fruit it produces. 28 <u>But</u> the people living there are powerful & their towns are large & fortified. We even saw giants there, the descendants of Anak! 29 The Amalekites live in the Negev & the Hittites, Jebusites & Amorites live in the hill country. The Canaanites live along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea & along the Jordan Valley." 30 <u>But</u> Caleb tried to quiet the people as they stood before Moses. "<u>Let's go at once to take the land</u>," "<u>We can certainly conquer it</u>!" 31 <u>But</u> the other men who had explored the land w/ him disagreed. "We can't go up against them! They're stronger than we are!" 32 So they spread this bad report about the land among the Israelites: "The land we traveled through & explored will devour anyone who goes to live there. All the people we saw were huge. 33 We even saw giants there, the descendants of Anak. Next to them we felt like grasshoppers, & that's what they thought, too!" (NKJV-we were like grasshoppers in our own sight & so we were in their sight)

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

**Colossians 2:8 TPT** Beware that no one distracts you or intimidates you *in their attempt to lead you away from <u>Christ's fullness</u> 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 <u>complete fullness</u> of deity living in human form 10 Our own completeness is now found <u>in Him</u>. We're completely <u>filled w/ God</u> as <u>Christ's</u> <u>fullness</u> overflows <u>w/in</u> us.* 

Many of us struggle w/ our identity, low self-esteem, low self-image, insecurities, feeling bad about ourselves...this is how we fix it!

Only allow God to accurately identify you. Jesus says you're: loved, accepted, valuable, precious, & able.

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

**Philippians 3:8** Everything else is worthless when compared w/ the infinite value of <u>knowing Jesus</u>. For His sake I've discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage so that I could gain Christ <sup>9</sup> & become <u>one w/ Him</u>. (We identify ourselves w/ Christ, by knowing Jesus)

Lord help me see myself, not as others define me, but as You see me. I am on my way, to my identify in Christ; my true identity in life!