

OUR IDENTITY

in Christ

WHO ARE YOU?

Who do you think that you are?

Does your view of yourself align with who God said you are?

OR...Does your view reflect what others say about you?

**Do you have a negative view of yourself because of what others
have said about you?**

LIES FROM OTHERS

Did someone tell you that you were...

- **Stupid?**
- **Just like your father or mother knowing that there is a known negative view of that parent?**
- **Never going to be anything?**

Did someone speak negatively over your dream of becoming a doctor, plumber, or a "_____ " because they thought you were not smart enough?

- **They thought you weren't pretty or handsome enough.**
- **They were abusive, and you felt worthless, alone, and unloved.**

GOD'S TRUTH

- **God's Truth in His word helps us to address who we are in His eyes.**
- **We are going to study our "true identity" in Christ and learn what God says about us.**
- **We will look at the biblical truths that contradict the lies that we hear and see in our view of self.**



1. We are chosen by Christ to be who He declared us to be.

1 PETER 2:9 (NKJV)

⁹ But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;



- **We are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, and a holy nation.**
- **God loves us, and He chose us! We are His own special people.**
- **"Chosen" means that He intentionally wanted us and has great love for us.**

God said **ALL** of us are chosen!

**We serve a great God who knew us before we were formed
in our mother's womb.**



GOD HAS A PLAN AND A FUTURE FOR US!

JEREMIAH 29:11 (NKJV)

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

JOHN 15:16 (NKJV)

You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.



- **God chose us to bear fruit in the earth, and the Word says that our fruit shall remain.**
- **Bearing fruit shows us that we are Christians.**
- **If there is no fruit, then we are simply existing in life -- without fulfillment. We want to do more than exist without true purpose.**
- **God also said whatever we ask in His name, He will give us. Therefore, in our daily prayer time, we must ask God to show us the fruit that He desires for us to bear.**



GALATIANS 5:22-23A (NKJV)

**²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
²³ gentleness, self-control.**

We bear fruit when we treat others with the fruit of the Spirit.:

- **Love**
- **Kindness**
- **Gentleness**
- **Patience**
- **Longsuffering**

**Are we bearing fruit as we live according to our
Christlike identity?**



EXAMINE YOURSELF

- **Examine yourself and think about how you have shown love to coworkers, family members, and even those that dislike you?**
- **Have you shown up with gentleness, kindness, and patience for a hurting person, a stranger, or a friend, or did you avoid them, pretend you didn't see them, or ignore their phone calls and text messages?**
- **Take a moment to reflect inside yourself about the above questions.**



**Let's show up as Christlike people
who bear fruit
by being loving, showing kindness,
and giving to others.**

2. We are to seek God for understanding of our identity in Christ for the purpose He designed us to fulfill.

- Prayer helps us understand what God designed for us to do. He has a God given purpose for each of us.**
- He has given each of us gifts to bear fruit in the earth. Each of us have at least one God given gift, and some have multiple God given gifts.**
- Some of us have the gift of helps. You naturally go about helping others; it is how you automatically operate.**



- Some have the gift of intercession. You discern what to pray about. You sense in the Spirit when others are hurting, when others need healing, etc. and you intercede for them.
- Some have the gift of teaching, preaching, or leading worship.
- **How are you using your God given gifts to serve others? God has chosen each of us to operate in the gifts He gave us.**
- We should **pray daily** to **hear God** and **discern** how He wants us to utilize our God given gifts to serve others.



**Operating in our true calling from God
brings fulfillment.**

- **If you feel empty, dissatisfied, or frustrated that is often a sign that you are not operating in your true calling that God birthed you to fulfill.**
- **Joy, fulfillment, and great satisfaction comes from operating in our God given calling!**



3. We are holy and the beloved of God. We love and forgive one another.

COLOSSIANS 3:12 - 17 (NKJV)

¹² Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put-on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; ¹³ bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*. ¹⁴ But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.



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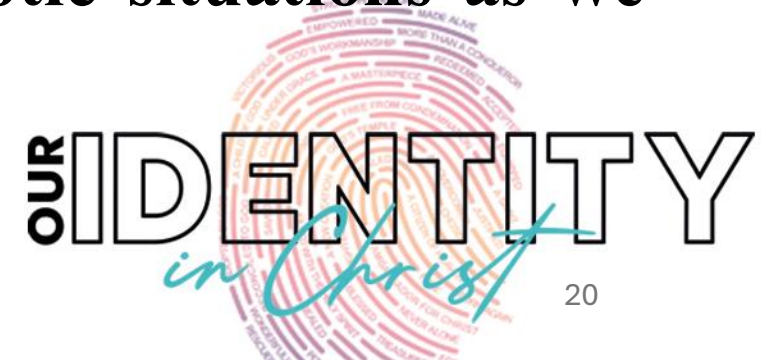


Colossians 3 teaches us that we are made holy and are the beloved of God.

- **No matter what someone else says, always know we are holy and the beloved of God.**
- **We may have made mistakes, but we are still the beloved of God.**
- **We may have sinned in adultery, fornication, lying, gossiping, but we are still the beloved of God.**
- **We walk in love towards one another.**

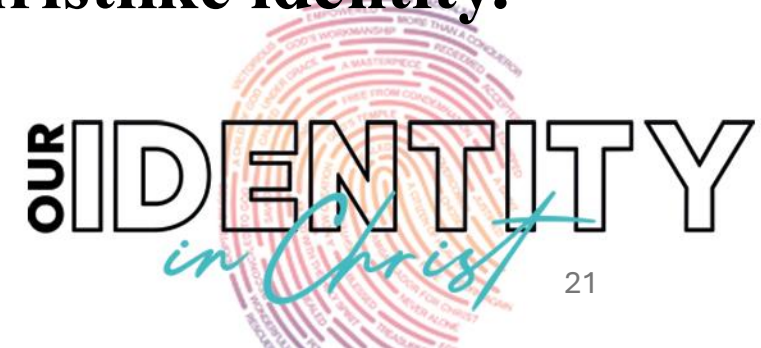


- **We forgive others who hurt us with their words and actions. We forgive those we love and our friends even if they betrayed us.**
- **We forgive our absent parents.**
- **We forgive anyone else who wounded us that God may also forgive us.**
- **Let the peace of God rule in our hearts. His peace surpasses all understanding. God gives us peace even in chaotic situations as we pray and trust Him.**



God called us to have the identity He chose for us.

- It doesn't matter what others say about the identity that God chose for us. It only matters what God said and called us to be in life.
- Walk in the call of God that He uniquely designed you to fulfill. We are unique and made in the image of God to fulfill a specific purpose in our life journey.
- Please show up and fulfill your God given purpose because we each need one another to succeed. Our families, friends, and coworkers need us to fulfill our God given purpose in our Christlike identity.



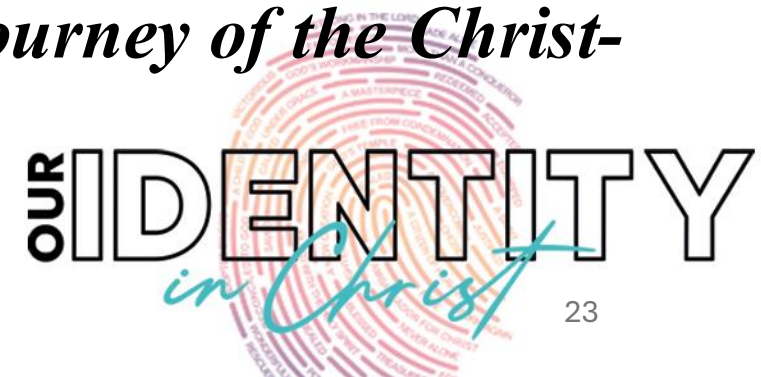
4. We are to walk in our God given purpose.

EPHESIANS 2:8 - 10

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.



- **Verse 8** - We were saved by grace through faith.
- **Verse 10** - We are created in Christ for good works. God prepared us to walk in our purpose.
- Our identity in Christ is unique for the purpose He called us to fulfill.
- Our identity in Christ may be the most important and most ignored part of our spiritual growth. Discovering who God made you to be takes a lifetime. In many ways, *it is the ultimate journey of the Christ-follower.*



“It is only in God that we discover our origin, our identity, our meaning, our purpose, our significance, and our destiny.

Every other path leads to a dead end.”

- Rick Warren, *The Purpose Driven Life*

God called us to have the identity He chose for us.

- **We are Christians who serve to fulfill God's work in the Earth as we walk in our God given purpose.**
- **Through our identity in Christ, we are a part of God's family. We are brothers and sisters in Christ.**
- **When you know who you are in Christ and you know your God given purpose in life, then you can have direction in your life journey.**



DECLARATIONS

- I am **chosen** by God.
- I am the **beloved** of God.
- I am a **royal priesthood**.
- I have a **divine purpose assigned uniquely to me** by God.
- I am **fulfilled in life** when I walk in my God given purpose.

The joy of the Lord is mine as I obey God and walk in my divine purpose.



CONCLUSIONS

- **GOD** has greatness for each of us as we yield to His will for our lives. His plan far exceeds our fleshly plans for our lives.
- **Beloved sons and daughters of God, let's all walk in the call of God for our lives and be who He called us to be!**
- **Let's pray and get understanding of our calling to be who God said we are!**

