**IDENTITY CRISIS**

So many believer’s are struggling unnecessarily in living for Jesus because they do not know their true identity – they do not know the victories Jesus has won for them – they do not walk in the fullness and abundance of life that God intended for them. How can you appropriate to your life what you do not know, perhaps what you have never read? It is so important for us to read and know the ‘Instruction Manual’ for our lives as Christians. You must know who you are in Christ so that you will know what to do, when to do it, where to go, and how to do it. You need to know who you are in Christ so that you can live an exciting, successful, overcoming Christian life.

The more you agree with God about your identity in Christ, the more your behavior will reflect your God-given identity. You have changed! You are to be a new person in Christ Jesus! What kind of person? It is up to you to find out!

Your new identity does not depend on something you can do or have done – you cannot earn this new identity. Your true identity is found in Jesus Christ and depends on His love and grace given to you – no struggle, no strain – maybe a little pain as you grow into who God intended you to be.

It is time to stop being the person others say you are or should be, or who people say you are and take hold of the truth of who God says you are in His Word.

**WHO GOD SAYS YOU ARE!**

**#1 – I am accepted by God!** In life, people crave acceptance for who they are. God will never turn you down, He will always hear your prayer, He will never reject you – He is as close to you as a simple, quiet prayer.

* **John 1:12** I am a child of God.
* **Ephesians 1:6** I am accepted!
* **1John 3:3** I am loved – lovable!
* **John 15:14,15** I am a friend of Jesus, His disciple.
* **Ephesians 1:1** I am a saint!
* **Romans 5:1** I have been justified.
* **1Corinthians 6:17** I am united with God, and one with Him in Spirit.
* **1Corinthians 6:19** I am the temple of God, His Spirit and His life live in me.
* **1Corinthians 12:27** I am a member of the Body of Christ (His Church).
* **Colossians 1:13,14** I am redeemed and forgiven all sins.
* **Colossians 2:10** I am complete in Christ.

**It is up to you to choose to believe and receive what God has said about you!**

**Whose report will you believe – the report of God, or man’s?**

**#2 – I am secure in God!**

* **Romans 8:1** I am free from condemnation! (condemnation vs conviction)
* **Romans 8:38,39** I cannot be separated from the love of God.
* **Romans 8:28** I am secure in the knowledge that God is at work for good in my life in all circumstances!
* **Hebrews 13:5 I can always know the presence of God because He never leaves me alone.**
* **11Corinthians 1:21,22** I have been established, anointed and sealed by God.
* **Colossians 3:1-4** I am hidden with Christ in God.
* **Philippians 1:6** I have confidence that God will complete the good work He has begun in me.
* **Philippians 3:20** I am a citizen of heaven!
* **11Timothy 1:7** I have not been given a spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind!
* **1John 5:18 I am born of God and the evil one cannot touch me!**

**YOU take control of your emotions, your will and your mind – stop believing the lies and rubbish of the enemy – rebuke ‘stinking thinking’ and claim the security you have found in God’s Words to you! Appropriate His grace to your life!**

**#3 - I am important ….. to God!**

* **John 15:5** I am a branch of the true vine, Jesus Christ, and a vessel of His love, for me and for others.
* **John 15:16** I have been chosen and appointed to bear **much** fruit.
* **1Corinthians 3:16** I am the temple of the most high God.
* **11Corinthians 5:17-21** I have been given a Cabinet Posting – I am the ‘Minister of Reconciliation’!
* **Ephesians 2:6** I am seated with Jesus Christ in the heavenly places.
* **Ephesians 2:10** I am the workmanship of God! The Great Creator is still working on me – a work in progress!
* **Ephesians 3:12** I can approach the presence of God with confidence.
* **Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who is my strength!**
* **11Corinthians 6:1** I am a co-worker with God! God is my partner!
* **Philippians 2:13 God is at work in me to help me do the things He wants me to do!**

**Read this declaration out loud every day for a month, and soon you will find that your mind is being transformed into the mind of Christ.**

**The more you know who you are in Christ, the more your behavior will reflect your true identity. Understanding your true identity in Christ is crucial to your success in Christ. Think, know and speak who you are in Christ. Train yourself!**

**God wants to do more in your life than you can ever begin to even imagine!**

**Ephesians 3:20 *‘Now unto Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us.’***

**Allow His power to work within you! Believe and receive! Doubt and do without!**