

## Notes:

# Living Out My Identity In Christ

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*Identity Theft Series: Message 8*

Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. <sup>2</sup>Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. <sup>3</sup>For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all His glory. <sup>5</sup>So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you...<sup>10</sup>Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like Him.

Colossians 3:1-5a; 10 (NLT)

Throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. <sup>23</sup>Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. <sup>24</sup>Put on your new nature created to be like God—truly righteous and holy. Ephesians 4:22-24 (NLT)

### **In Order To Live Out Who I Am In Christ I Must:**

#### **1. Understand The \_\_\_\_\_ Wrong Thinking And Wrong \_\_\_\_\_ Cause.**

What Is The Damage?

#### **A. I \_\_\_\_\_ The Work Of The Holy Spirit In My life.**

*Do not quench (suppress or subdue) the [Holy] Spirit.  
1 Thessalonians 5:19 (AMP)*

*And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, He has identified you as His own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption.  
Ephesians 4:30 (NLT)*

#### **B. I \_\_\_\_\_ My Conscience.**

*They demonstrate that God's law is written in their hearts, for their own conscience and thoughts either accuse them or tell them they are doing right.  
Romans 2:15 (NLT)*

*Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron. 1 Timothy 4:2 (NIV)*

*But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart  
and a good conscience and a sincere faith. I Timothy 1:5 (NAS)*

### **C. I \_\_\_\_\_ Myself From God.**

*Behold, the LORD'S hand is not so short That it cannot save; Nor is His ear so dull That it cannot hear. <sup>2</sup>But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, And your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear. <sup>3</sup>For your hands are defiled with blood And your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken falsehood, your tongue mutters wickedness..  
Isaiah 59:1-3 (NAS)*

*If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened; but God has surely listened and has heard my prayer. <sup>20</sup>Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld His love from me!  
Psalm 66:17-20 (NIV)*

### **D. I \_\_\_\_\_ The Joy And Strength In Life. Strength For Life Is \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sin is put out of sight! <sup>2</sup>Yes, what joy for those whose record the LORD has cleared of guilt, whose lives are lived in complete honesty! <sup>3</sup>When I refused to confess my sin, my body wasted away, and I groaned all day long. <sup>4</sup>Day and night Your hand of discipline was heavy on me. My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat. <sup>5</sup>Finally, I confessed all my sins to You and stopped trying to hide my guilt. I said to myself, "I will confess my rebellion to the LORD." And You forgave me! All my guilt is gone. <sup>6</sup>Therefore, let all the godly pray to You while there is still time, that they may not drown in the floodwaters of judgment. <sup>7</sup>For You are my hiding place; You protect me from trouble. You surround me with songs of victory.  
Psalm 32:1-7 (NLT)*

### **2. I Must Put Away \_\_\_\_\_ Habits.**

*So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth, for we are all parts of the same body. <sup>26</sup>And "don't sin by letting anger control you" Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry, <sup>27</sup>for anger gives a foothold to the devil. <sup>28</sup>If you are a thief, quit stealing. Instead, use your hands for good hard work, and then give generously to others in need. <sup>29</sup>Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. <sup>30</sup>And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, He has identified you as His own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. <sup>32</sup>Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.  
Ephesians 4:25-32 (NLT)*

### **A. \_\_\_\_\_ Myself Before God And Accept \_\_\_\_\_ For My Life.**

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions. <sup>2</sup>Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. <sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. <sup>4</sup>Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight; so you are right in Your verdict and justified when You judge.*

*Psalm 51:1-4 (NLT)*

*For the kind of sorrow God wants us to experience leads us away from sin and results in salvation. There's no regret for that kind of sorrow. But worldly sorrow, which lacks repentance, results in spiritual death.*

*2 Corinthians 7:10 (NLT)*

### **B. See \_\_\_\_\_ The Way God Does.**

*He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, But he who confesses and forsakes them will find compassion. Proverbs 28:13 (NAS)*

*If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I John 1:8-9 (NAS)*

### **C. Stop \_\_\_\_\_ What I Am \_\_\_\_\_.**

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Throw of your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. <sup>23</sup>Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. <sup>24</sup>Put on your new nature created to be like God—truly righteous and holy. Ephesians 4:22-24 (NLT)*

*Some Helpful Steps:*

#### **Scripture**

*Your word have I laid up in my heart, that I might not sin against You.  
Psalm 119:11 (AMP)*

#### **Prepare A \_\_\_\_\_ List.**

*And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. <sup>9</sup>Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you. Philippians 4:8-9 (NLT)*

#### **Pursue \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Abstain from all appearance of evil. I Thessalonians 5:22 (NKV)*

*Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.  
Romans 12:9 (NIV)*

*Next Week: Putting On My New Identity*