



#2 Gospel-Shaped Identity

KEY TRUTH: The Gospel of Christ has the power to transform our IDENTITY – how we perceive ourselves!

1. Jesus' own IDENTITY was central to His **MESSAGE** and **MISSION**.
2. God-affirmed IDENTITY will always be **CHALLENGED**.
3. IDENTITY is easily **DISTORTED** and ramifications are far reaching.
4. The "truest truth" about any of us is what **GOD** thinks about us!
5. Through the Gospel, a newer and truer IDENTITY is **BESTOWED** upon all who believe it.
6. God's people are defined by a completely **NEW IDENTITY!**

I AM WHO GOD HAS DECLARED ME TO BE!

2 Corinthians 5:17 *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

WHEN WE TRULY BELIEVE THE GOSPEL...

- ...It frees us from having to try and **PRETEND** that we're better than we really are.
- ...It takes the **PRESSURE OFF** that we must perform well for God to love us.
- ...It frees us from feeling like we need to **HIDE** our true selves out of fear that people will reject us if they really knew us.
- ...It frees us from **APPROVAL ADDICTION**, and having to try and please everyone and get them to like us.
- ...It frees us from the need to **PROVE TO OTHERS** that we belong, or that we matter, or that they should respect us.

**Nothing to prove, nothing to protect.
I am who God says I am... all because of Jesus!**

WHO GOD SAYS I AM GOSPEL-SHAPED IDENTITY

- I am Chosen by God** (I Peter 2:9)
- I am God's Son or Daughter** (John 1:12; I John 3:1-3)
- I am Adopted into God's Family** (Ephesians 1:4-6)
- I am a Gift from the Father to the Son** (John 17:6)
- I am Justified before God** (Romans 5:1)
- I am Righteous before God, Blameless in His sight** (I Corinthians 5:21)
- I am Reconciled to God** (II Corinthians 5:18-20)
- I am Spiritually Alive in Christ** (Ephesians 2:5)
- I am Redeemed and Forgiven of all my sins** (Colossians 1:14)
- I am a Saint** (Ephesians 1:4)
- I am Holy and Dearly Loved** (Colossians 3:12)
- I am a Member of Christ's Body** (I Corinthians 12:27; Ephesians 5:30)
- I am Complete in Christ** (Colossians 2:10)
- I am a Member of a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession** (I Peter 2:9,10)
- I am One with Christ** (I Corinthians 6:17; Colossians 2:9-10)
- I am Free forever from condemnation** (Romans 8:1-2)
- I am Christ's Friend** (John 15:15)
- I am an Heir of an Inheritance** (Ephesians 1:14; Colossians 3:24; Romans 8:17)
- I have been Purchased with a Price** (I Corinthians 6:20)
- I am a Bondslave of God** (Romans 6:22)
- I am God's Workmanship** (Ephesians 2:10)
- I am a Son of light and not of darkness** (I Thessalonians 5:5)
- I am Anointed with the Holy Spirit** (Ephesians 1:14)
- I am a Holy Partaker of a heavenly calling** (Hebrews 3:1)
- I am one of God's Living Stones, being built up in Christ as a spiritual house** (I Peter 2:5)
- I am Free from any condemning charges** (Romans 8:33-34)
- I am a Citizen of heaven** (Philippians 3:20)
- I am an Alien and Stranger to this world** (I Peter 2:11)
- I am an Enemy of the devil** (I Peter 5:8)
- I am Born of God and the evil one cannot touch me** (I John 5:18)
- I am God's Temple** (I Corinthians 3:16)
- I am the Salt and Light of the earth** (Matthew 5:13)
- I am a Minister of Reconciliation** (2 Corinthians 5:17-20)
- I am God's Co-worker** (2 Corinthians 6:1)
- I am a New Creation** (II Corinthians 5:17)