

I. YOUR NEW IDENTITY THROUGH THE CROSS**A. Jesus Loves You**

1. Song: “Jesus Loves Me.” Testimony from believing and receiving this Truth.
2. Yielding your heart to this reality that “Jesus loves you” will dynamically change the way you think and feel about yourself and the way you live.
3. Every attack against your identity will attempt to have you doubt or lose sight of God’s great love for you, as demonstrated by Jesus’ sacrificial love for you through the cross.

B. God’s Great Love for You, Isaiah 53:1-5

Your new identity in Christ for your spirit, soul, and body is best seen in Isaiah 53.

Isaiah 53:1 Who has believed our report?

Isaiah 53:4 Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;

Isaiah 53:5 declares God’s provision of salvation for:

Your spirit - *But, He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities;*

Your soul - *The chastisement for our peace was upon Him,*

Your body - *And by His stripes we are healed.*

C. Are You Experiencing God’s Provision of Salvation for Your Entire Being?

1. Spirit – Are you living in God’s forgiveness for all your sins? Living in Christ’s righteousness?
2. Soul – Are you living in God’s peace?
3. Body – Are you living as one healed by Jesus’ stripes?
4. God wants you to experiencing the fulness of His love – His saving love, forgiving love, peace-giving love, and healing love.

Ephesians 3:19 ...to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

5. Sing “Jesus Loves Me” substituting “loves” for saved; forgave; gave me peace; and healed.

II. YOUR REBORN SPIRIT IS CREATED TO HAVE DOMINION**A. Adam and Eve - Ability to Walk by the Spirit is Lost**

1. Before Adam sinned, he possessed the “zoe” life of God. His spirit governed or had dominion over his soul and body. His spirit was dominant in his decision-making and thought processes.
2. When Adam sinned, his spirit became dark and devoid of the supernatural life of God. His spirit man lost dominion over his soul and body. Through natural birth you were spiritually born into Adam’s family and were raised under the leadership of your soul and body, not your spirit.

B. New Creation in Christ – Ability to Walk by the Spirit is Restored

1. When you were born again, your spirit was filled with the supernatural life of God, empowering you to have dominion over your soul and body. (1 Cor. 6:17; Col. 2:9-10; Romans 6:5-6)

Romans 8:2 NLT *And because you belong to Him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death.*

2. You are now able to walk in the Spirit and not in the flesh – the unrenewed soul and body.

Galatians 5:25 *If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*

Galatians 5:25 TPT *If the Spirit is the source of our life, we must also allow the Spirit to direct every aspect of our lives*

C. Discerning Your True God-given Identity

1. You can't discern your true identity in Christ by your flesh. However, many believers are trying to do just that. As a result many Christians are stuck in ungodly habits where their flesh, their unrenewed soul (mind, will, and emotions) and body, is governing their decision making.
2. The primary way you are able to discern who you are in Christ is through the Bible and by the power of the Holy Spirit. As you look into the mirror of God's Word the Holy Spirit reveals to you Who God is and who you are in Christ because of what Jesus' blood has done for you.

III. 2 FOUNDATIONAL KEYS FOR WALKING IN YOUR TRUE IDENTITY

A. The Word of God

1. Don't wait until you hear the audible voice of God. But, focus on what God is saying to you through the Bible, God's written Word. Understand and believe that the Word of God is the voice of God.

Psalms 119:105 *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

Psalms 119:130 *The entrance of Your Word gives light.*

2. "Pay attention" to God's Word, His voice, above all other words.

Proverbs 4:20 *My son, give attention to My words...*

- a. Synonyms for "pay attention" - Be careful, nurture, protect, focus attention, concentrate, be mindful watch, be alert, pay heed, keep an eye on, apply yourself, listening carefully, diligent, beholding
- b. Antonyms: Ignore, neglect, disregard, forget, care

B. The Holy Spirit

1. Don't ignore, but rather honor the Holy Spirit's leadership, His promptings, through obedience. You want to have a heart to obey in the big and small decisions of life.

Romans 7:6 *So now we serve not under (obedience to) the old code of written regulations, but (under obedience to the promptings) of the Spirit in newness (of life). (Amplified Version)*

2. The Holy Spirit's leadership will never contradict God's Word or God's love for us. (John 17:17)

John 16:13 *... when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.*

IV. 5 SPECIFIC KEYS FOR WALKING IN YOUR TRUE IDENTITY IN CHRIST

Proverbs 4:20-27 *20 My son, give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. 21 Do not let them depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart; 22 for they are life to those who*

find them, and health to all their flesh. 23 Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life. 24 Put away from you a deceitful mouth, and put perverse lips far from you...26 Ponder the path of your feet. 27 Do not turn to the right or the left; remove your foot from evil.

A. HEAR God’s Word

Proverbs 4:20 ... incline your ears to my sayings.

1. The human race came under the curse of sin and death because the first Adam chose to not heed God’s voice, but rather to heed the voice of his wife. (Genesis 3:17)
2. Whose voice are you heeding, listening attentively to? God’s voice or the enemy’s voice?

James 4:7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

B. SEE God’s Word

Proverbs 4:21 Do not let them depart from your eyes.

1. Rose colored glasses: *Revelations 12:11 And they overcame by (a) the blood of the Lamb and by (b) the word of their testimony, and (c) they did not love their lives to the death.*
 - a. You overcome not by your sacrificial deeds but by the sacrificial Lamb.
 - b. Your testimony needs to come into agreement with what Jesus’ blood has already done for you for every aspect of your life.
 - c. Life = “psuche.” You don’t allow your unrenewed soul to rule over your spirit.
2. As you keep the Word of God before your eyes of what Jesus’ blood has done for you, you get a healed perspective of Who God is and a healed perspective of who you are in Christ.

C. SAY God’s Word

Proverbs 4:24 Put away from you a deceitful mouth, and put perverse lips far from you.

1. Keeping the Word of God in your heart always involves your confession of the Word of God back to God, not letting it depart from your mouth. You need to fill your ear and eye gates with the Word of God, allowing it to penetrate your heart and come out of your mouth.(Prov. 4:21-24)

Matthew 12:34 For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

2. What does God want to come out of your mouth? (Proverbs 4:17-21)
Joshua 1:8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night...
3. Whose H.O.P.E. words will you plant in your heart and water with the confession of your mouth?
Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering for He who promised is faithful.

God’s H.O.P.E. – Hold Onto Promises of God Eternally
 devil’s H.O.P.E. - Hold Onto Problems Eternally

4. God wants you to become fluent in the language of His Kingdom, the Bible.
5. Regarding your identity in Christ. Stop saying what the enemy says and start saying what God says.
Stop: *Heb. 11:24 By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter.*

Start: *Jer. 15:16 Your words were found and I ate them... For I am called by Your name O Lord God of hosts.*

Stop: *Isaiah 33:24 And the inhabitant of Zion will not say I am sick.*

Start: *Joel 3:10 Let the weak say, "I am strong." 1 Peter 2:24 By His stripes you were healed.*

D. THINK God's Word

Proverbs 4:23 Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.

1. When you were born again, you received a totally new identity in Christ. Your flesh – your unrenewed soul (mind, will, and emotions) and body needs to be renewed to what has happened in your spirit.

Romans 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

2. Remember God's great love for you! Through Jesus' blood you are a new creation in Christ and "all things are new." (2 Cor. 5:17) Believe and walk in your true identity in Christ.

1 Cor. 11:24 (Holy Communion) Do this in remembrance of Me.

Song of Songs 1:4 We will remember your love more than wine.

3. Don't keep remembering, thinking about, the former old things. The new is now.

Isaiah 43:17 -19 Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old.

Behold, I will do a new thing. Now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it?

4. Walk in your true identity in Christ by putting "on the new man which was created in true righteousness and holiness, according to the new image of Christ."

Eph. 4:23-24 Be renewed in the spirit of your mind and that you put on the new man which was created....in true righteousness and holiness.

Col. 3:10 Put on the new man who is...according to the image of Him who created him...

5. The thoughts governing your heart are powerful. Let God's Word richly dwell in you! (2 Thes. 3:16)

Proverbs 23:7 As a man thinks in his heart so is he.

E. Do God's Word

Proverbs 4:26 TPT ... Stick to the path of Truth... Don't allow yourself to be sidetracked for even a moment or take the detour that leads to darkness.

1. Be a doer of God's Word! Walk by the Spirit and not by the flesh.

James 1:22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

John 2:5 His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He (Jesus) says to you, do it."

2. What are you called to do regarding healing?

Believe: *1 Peter 2:24 By His stripes you were healed.*

Obey: *Matthew 10:8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead..*

Mark 16:17-18 ... they will lay hands on the sick and they will recover.

3. Pay attention to God's Word! Do It! Hear it! See It! Say It! Think It! (Prov. 4:20-27)

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