



Who does God say I am?

Matthew 3:17

17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him, I am well pleased."

Every choice you've made in your life has come out of the lack of or overflow for 1 or more of these 3 reasons

1. This is my son - acceptance
2. Whom I love - affection
3. With him I am well pleased - approval

When our identity is not secure, we will accept anything to fill that void. Our society is proof that we have many adults with wounded pasts, that what is neglected becomes infected.

Any product bought out of the need of or lack of identity (acceptance approval, affection) will be overpriced. When we do not know our God-given identity, we will be willing to accept worldly standards to satisfy our lack.

You will get the approval but at what cost?

On the way to gaining that approval affection or acceptance from people, you will compromise in your convictions

Matthew 16:26 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world [wealth, fame, success], but forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

When you do things out of a lack of identity you will get what you want but then you won't want what you got (temporary satisfaction)

There's an approval that we can have that the cost has already been paid we just have to receive

When you root yourself in anything but God you are in hands of an economy, gov. President, your job and time has proven time and time again that they will always fail us

Anytime the foundation of our life is not rooted in the word or on what God says about us and who He has called us to be, everything we build will be shaken.



Devil says if you are the son of God, tell these stones to become bread

The first sign you're listening to the enemy about who you are is if you have believed the lie that you have to "do" to "be" - To BE a child of God, I must DO.... As if your identity came from your works in the first place That goes against what the Bible says because we never received our identity from works in the first place

Ephesians 2:8-9

8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works so that no one can boast.

If we adopt this thinking that Devil brought up to Jesus that your works determine your worth then you will never feel worthy because the bible tells us in **Romans 3:23** that we all fall short of the standard

1. Jesus was accepted before the journey

So we can today be sons and daughters before doing what a son or daughter does (We fight FROM VICTORY not FOR VICTORY.)

If Jesus didn't do anything good to be accepted you can't do anything bad to be rejected

This is not an excuse to sin or an all-access pass to do whatever you want. Doesn't mean you go and do whatever you want and you'll get right with God later

A. You don't know when you're last day is

- Eternity isn't a game to be played with
- We walking the edge of eternity every single day

B. You won't walk in the fullness of what God has for you

- prodigal son came back not as a slave but as a son but...
 - what did he lose in the process of the realization that the father is better than anything in the world

- Don't explore in such a way that you lose your soul, compromise your conviction and jeopardize your eternity with Christ.

2. Jesus was accepted for the journey

- Wilderness truly test your identity in christ
- Wilderness season will cause what God said to be questioned.
- God said YOU ARE son devil said IF you are
- is your house built on the sand or on the rock



The word can be spoken, but the word also needs to be implemented. Yes, God said it, but it is our job to BELIEVE it and LIVE it. If we do not root ourselves on the word of God and what God says about us, if we allow compromise to sneak in; that is what gives the enemy a foothold in our lives.

Daniel 3:17-18

17 If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us[a] from Your Majesty's hand. 18 But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

Knowing your Identity in the word is an "even if faith" - even if he does not, we want you to know we will not serve your gods

Identity in the world is an "if faith" - if God comes through we will serve him (based on if God comes through or not)

- I am a child of God. (John 1:12)
- I am no longer a slave, but a child and an heir. (Galatians 4:7)
- I have been chosen by God, and I am holy and beloved. (Colossians 3:12)
- God loves me and has chosen me. (1 Thessalonians 1:4)
- I am redeemed and forgiven by the grace of Christ. (Ephesians 1:7)
- I have been justified and redeemed. (Romans 3:24)
- I am a citizen of heaven. (Philippians 3:20)
- The Peace of God guards my heart and mind. (Philippians 4:7)
- God supplies all my needs. (Philippians 4:19)
- I have been made complete in Christ. (Colossians 2:10)
- My old self was crucified with Christ, and I am no longer a slave to sin. (Romans 6:6)
- I have been accepted by Christ. (Romans 15:7)
- In Christ Jesus, I have wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption. (1 Cor. 1:30)
- I have become the righteousness of God in Christ. (2 Cor. 5:21)
- My body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who dwells in me. (1 Cor. 6:19)
- I have been blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. (Ephesians 1:3)
- I have been set free in Christ. (Galatians 5:9)
- I have been predestined by God to obtain an inheritance. (Ephesians 1:11)
- I have boldness and confident access to God through faith in Christ. (Ephesians 3:12)