



## *Day One: Who do You Believe About You?*

If there's one thing satan does NOT want us to know, it is the truth about who we are! No weapon in the arsenal of hell has ever been yielded more effectively and frequently than the deception about the identity of the people of God. Not only has religion lied to us and told us that we have to 'do good' in order to 'please' God or be 'acceptable' to Him, and kept us bound in an exhausting works-shackle of sin-consciousness, but satan has also wielded the relentless shouts of accusation towards us. He is called in the Bible, after all, the ACCUSER of the brethren (Rev 12:10)!

And He has another name, too. Guess what it is? The father of LIES!

***John 8:44 (AMP)*** ...He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a falsehood, he speaks what is natural to him, for he is a liar [himself] and the father of lies and all that is false.

So what does that tell us! If NOTHING that comes out of his mouth is the truth, then when he tells us that we're not good enough, that we can never do what God has called us to do, that we'll never overcome our past failures, and that we have no value and worth, we can simply tell him to shut up because if he said it, it can't possibly be true!

On the other hand, we have a loving Savior who IS truth and died to redeem our identity!

***John 14:6 (AMP)*** Jesus said to him, I am the Way, and the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father except by (through) Me.

So who do you think we should believe? Who is going to tell us the TRUTH about who we are? This one is hands down simple – whatever satan (and those people in your life whose mouthpieces he is using to speak condemnation and judgment over you) says, is a big, fat lie and doesn't deserve a second thought, let alone your agreement with it!

On the other hand, whatever Holy Spirit tells you, is THE truth. Believe it, receive it and agree with it. This is true humility.



However, we often find that there's another person who gets involved in this issue and makes what should be black and white suddenly look extremely grey. And that person is YOU!

We truly can be our own worst enemies in how we see ourselves and what we speak about ourselves, but the only way that we can do that is to come into agreement with satan instead of God. So we have to ask ourselves, who is the God of our lives? Is our loving, wonderful Father God, or do we have an idol in satan or even in ourselves? Because ultimately, that's what we're doing when we receive and make agreement with something that has been spoken by satan or ourselves, which overrides what God has said.

When we choose to listen to lies instead of truth, we've got a problem that will consume us if we do not deal with it. And of course, dealing with this issue is simple: We make a choice.

Make a choice to believe what God says, above what anyone or anything else says – come what may and no matter how far from reality it feels or appears to be! Choose to believe God and we will find that Holy Spirit will make the truth we have decided to believe clear in our hearts, and outwork it in our lives. That's it! Simple, isn't it!

Let's make today the day that we lay down all of our idols, cut off all our agreement with lies, and ask the Father to show us the truth of who we are, with fresh eyes and ears.

## Soak Time

Am I willing to lay down my idols - my thoughts about me, satan's lies about me, what others have spoken over me and what my emotions say about me? Why or why not?

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## *Day Two: The Truth About Who YOU Are*

When Jesus died for us on the cross, He changed everything about our identity, by exchanging His identity for ours. It's impossible to try to list the specific ways our identity altered because of the finished work of the cross, as this list would surely be limitless! As we allow Holy Spirit to awaken deeper and deeper revelation within us, we will continually discover more and more truths pertaining to our identity.

However, for this devotional, we're going to look at ten ways our identity was changed because of what Jesus did on the cross. And in order to understand these ten things, we have to realise that God is a 'it-is-done-before-it's-done' kind of God. Consider the number of times in the Bible that it speaks of something which was accomplished *'Before the foundation of the world'*. For example:

- Jesus was chosen and foreordained before the foundation of the world (1 Peter 20)
- Jesus is the Lamb that was slain from the foundation of the world. (Revelation 13:8)
- He chose us to be His own in Christ before the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1:4)

This is also the God who *'Calls those things which are not as though they were'* (Romans 4:17). He's perfectly comfortable with considering that things are DONE in the Spiritual, before we ever see them with our physical eyes as DONE in the natural. As His children, He desires for us to think and see in these terms – His finished work is always accomplished in advance. He offers it up to us as completed and we simply align ourselves with what He has already done by faith through grace. In other words, He does it in the spiritual well in advance, and we believe it. After that, we see it in the natural.

He tells us to *'fix our eyes not on what is seen but what is unseen'* (2 Cor 4:18). In God's eyes, what is unseen to the natural eyes – but very much seen to the spiritual eyes – is His reality. And we can be thankful for that because otherwise we could have no expectation of heaven. After all, if I asked you whether you're saved and going to heaven, you'd say an emphatic "Yes!" But you're not there right now, are you? You're still alive on this earth, yet you consider your future in heaven as 'Done'. You're a citizen of heaven right now,



yet when you look around you, it seems the furthestest thing from truth. However, the day will come when you'll instead be looking out over those streets of gold. See, we know how to do this!

So it's no surprise that God functions in the exact same mode of operation when it comes to our identities. This work is finished! He accomplished the exchange of our identities long before we ever drew a natural breath, and now He offers this completed work to us and we get to decide whether or not we are going to believe that it's true and participate with it by aligning ourselves with what He has already accomplished (the exchange of our identity with Christ's). It's only AFTER we believe it to be true by faith through His grace, that we will actually see it with our natural eyes. But if we don't receive it as truth while we can't see it with our natural eyes... we'll never see it at all!

So let's get ready to look at the ten things Jesus accomplished in our identity through the finished work of the cross, and be excited because this is going to be an incredible journey! If you'll view each of these things as done-finished-and-completed-facts, you will never be tripped up by satan's lies about you ever again!

## Soak Time

Am I willing to see my identity through the filter of the done-finished-and-completed-facts of God's truth and no other way? Will I choose to look at what is unseen rather than what is seen? Will I declare about myself what God has spoken about me regardless of how natural reality appears to be? Why or why not?

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### *Day Three: #1 You are Spirit, Soul & Body (1)*

It is important for us to understand that we are three-part beings – not surprisingly, as we were created after the image of a triune God (Gen 1:26 – 27).

**1 Thessalonians 5:23 (NKJV)** *Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

So as you can see, we are not only either spiritual OR natural. We have a spirit, we have a soul and we have a body – all three! And so did Adam and Eve when they entered the garden. Their spirits were gloriously alive with the life of God, who is the very source of life itself. They were at one with God, experiencing fellowship with Him and ruling and reigning together over the earth (Genesis 1:26).

Yet they still had a will and when they did not exercise their will in alignment with the life of God's Spirit within them, Adam and Eve's spirits died. That doesn't mean that they didn't have a spirit at all. It simply meant that their spirit was no longer connected to God, Who is the very source of life. That life was like a light bulb inside of them which had been burning brightly. The moment they died spiritually, it was as though the switch was flicked and the lightbulb went out. No connection. No life.

They still had a spirit. They still had a soul. They still had a body. But their spirit was dead and lifeless. And mankind stayed in that condition until Jesus died to restore us to connection to God (and therefore life) again.

#### **Spirit**

We've already seen that the fullness of God was in Jesus, and the fullness of Jesus is in Holy Spirit, who comes to reside in our hearts when we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior. When Jesus said that He must go so that another helper could come (John 16:7), the original language shows us something vitally important. There were two words that could have been chosen to describe this 'Helper'. Either one which meant 'A helper of a similar kind', or the word which meant 'A helper of the exact same kind.' That is what was used to describe Holy Spirit by Jesus – that He was a helper of the EXACT same kind



as Jesus. You could say that Jesus and Holy Spirit are identical twins! So then, what does that mean when Holy Spirit comes to live in our hearts?

Our spirits instantly come alive (they are reconnected with the very source of life) and His Spirit becomes one with our spirit and we too, become identical – in our spirit – to Jesus!

The Bible clearly tells us that we are recreated in oneness with Holy Spirit. Your Spirit is actually His Spirit in you.

**1 John 4:13 (MSG)** ...He's given us life from his life, from his very own spirit.

**1 Corinthians 6:17 (NKJV)** But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.

*“When we are born again, the new spirit we receive is actually the Spirit of Christ. It is our spirits, and it is His Spirit. They are joined together as one. Everything that can be said about the Spirit of Jesus is also true of our born again spirits.” Andrew Wommack, Author ‘Spirit, Soul & Body’*

In other words, at the moment of your salvation, one third of your sanctification (1 Thessalonians 5:23) was already complete! And the other great news is that after this change took place in your spirit, Holy Spirit sealed you so that your spirit would be unable to be opened or contaminated in any way. Your spirit remains unchangeable – one with His Spirit within you.

**Ephesians 1:13 (NKJV)** ...you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise.

Too good to be true? Read on... it just keeps getting better!



In your spirit, you are EXACTLY the same as Jesus! How does this impact you?

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## *Day Four: #1 You are Spirit, Soul & Body (2)*

The interesting thing about your spirit is that you don't necessarily see it or feel it. You are to know what it looks like by revelation of the Word and faith. Think about it, you've never actually seen your own face – you've only ever seen it in a mirror, yet it is reality. The Word of God is our mirror and it tells us who we are in our spirit, regardless of whether or not we feel it.

In our spirits, **We are who He is.**

**1 John 4:17 (AMP)** ...as He is, so are we in this world.

This is such good news!!!! It means that no longer do we need to think that we're waiting for something – an experience with God that may or may not happen, for example. We don't have to pour things in with an underlying works mindset, trying to 'grow our spirit' or 'build our faith'. We don't have to beg God to change us. We don't need to wait for a period of time to pass before we are 'strong enough in our spirits'. We need to simply believe what is already in our Spirits, and walk in it. Our strength is in the Lord in us.

We were not given a baby spirit which grows as it's fed and as time passes. We were all given THE Holy Spirit – the spirit of Christ Jesus – which is powerful, mighty and complete! All we have to do is see what the Spirit-filled children around the world are doing in His Might to know that the Spirit we receive is complete. Consider the children of Bungoma, Kenya, who brought the denominational church together – a feat in itself! They saw multitudes saved and healed – clearing out the hospitals and one even closed down! Their entire community was transformed through the children and the signs and wonders which operated through their hands. (*Described in 'Here Comes Heaven' by Bill Johnson & Mike Seth*). Holy Spirit is the same Holy Spirit whether in a child or an adult!

Holy Spirit is also the same whether one has been a Christian for 50 years or 5 minutes! I recently heard a testimony about a new believer in Mt Isa that had only been recently saved and had never tasted religion. He saw a girl in a wheelchair who'd had her legs amputated. He knew no different, so he laid his hands on her stumps and prayed for her and they grew out! There are believers who have been Christians for 50 years who have not yet aligned with





the Spirit of God that is already within them to lay their hands on the sick and see them healed, but they can! Our spirits and His Spirit are the same! We have the very Spirit of Jesus and His spirit doesn't need to 'grow'!

For example, Romans 12:3 tells us that have been given 'THE' measure of faith. What is THE measure of faith? Well Paul tells us in Galatians 2:20 that the life He lives He lives '*by THE faith of the Son of God*'. Could it be possible that THE measure of faith is Christ's faith in our spirit because we have been made one with Him? And that we all have THE measure of faith because it's HIS faith?

This would fit with being '*as He is, so are we in this world.*' The Word also tells us that He (Jesus) is our wisdom (1 Cor 1:30), we have the mind of Christ (1 Cor 2:16), He is our life (Deut 30:20 & Col 3:3) and we could honestly go on and on. He is our source of joy, peace, hope – everything! We can only love people because we first received His love. He is in us in fullness in our spirits and we have complete access to all He is, all the time.

That sounds like a glorious treasure chest to me! But what does it all mean? So we have all of this treasure, but how does it help us if we believe that we can't experience and see it in our lives? Somehow, it has to manifest in our life and world. How does this happen? We find the answer in God's design for our soul.

## Soak Time

After reading this, does the scripture in Colossians 1:26 – 27 have new meaning for me? ***Colossians 1:26 – 27 (TPT)*** *There is a divine mystery – a secret surprise that has been concealed from the world for generations, but now it's being revealed, unfolded and manifested for every holy believer to experience. Living within you is the Christ who floods you with the expectation of glory! This mystery of Christ, embedded within us, becomes a heavenly treasure chest of hope filled with the riches of glory for his people, and God wants everyone to know it!*

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## *Day Five: #1 You are Spirit, Soul & Body (3)*

### **Soul**

Our soul is made up of our Mind, Will and Emotions. It is where our personality is housed, which is how we can all have the exact same Spirit of Jesus living within us, and yet each be different. And of course, that's exactly how God designed it because He didn't want an army of robots running around, who couldn't choose to love Him for themselves, or who couldn't reflect a unique aspect of His glory. He is an infinitely creative God and He didn't want sameness – He wanted diversity! A diversity which reflects His creativity yet also requires us to love and need one another in order to be complete. We are all one because we have the same Spirit of Christ living within us, but yet we all reflect different facets of His life through the uniqueness of our souls. We complement and complete one another and we need all of us in order to reveal the fullness of Christ to this world.

As His life radiates out of our spirits like rays from sunshine, it filters first through our souls, and then our bodies (seen and heard by what we say and do). However, our souls are like a valve – they can either connect to our spirits or to our bodies (our flesh). God intends for us to live from out of our spirits, and for His life to flow from our spirits, unhindered through our soul which is in agreement with Him in every way, and through our bodies into this world.

Yet what happens when our souls are not in agreement with His voice in every way? What happens when our valve is turned the wrong way because we are not aligned with our spirit, and we are stopping up the flow instead of releasing it? This is why we can be saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, and yet still look the same and experience the same problems in our personalities – because our spirits were immediately sanctified and transformed... yet our souls are BEING transformed as we exercise our will and refuse agreements with our flesh, satan and the world, and instead agree with Christ's Spirit within us.

Many times the Bible speaks about the heart – this is another word for the soul. The heart is very important and Jesus taught many times about the heart (see Luke 4, for example). Why? Because our heart – our soul – will either



connect us to or disconnect us from the fullness of the life of the Spirit within us – it's up to us to decide which that will be.

**Whatever happens in your soul determines what happens in your life.**

That's why the Bible makes the connection between our heart (our soul, which is our mind, will and emotions) and what we are experiencing in our lives, so very clear: **Proverbs 4:23**

**(ISV)** Above everything else guard your heart, because from it flow the springs of life.

**(NIV)** Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

**(NLT)** Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

This scripture leaves us in little doubt that the most important thing we must do is to guard our heart and the way we do that is to continually choose to align what is in our heart with what is in the Spirit of Christ within us. Our spirits are perfect. Our souls are not, but every moment of every day we can choose to align our hearts with the completed and perfect work that has already happened within us, and we'll walk out the life of Christ in our lives.

*"Your soul is the deciding factor. It's in the middle of the physical and the spirit. It's a tug of war. The soul decides which one wins." Kenneth Copeland*

*"Your spirit is sealed. Your heart must be guarded." Jill Tomlinson*



How is Holy Spirit showing you that He wants you to guard your heart? And what issues of life does He desire to flow out of it?

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