

REBUILDING MY HEART – Part 4

COVENANT OF THANKSGIVING...Celebrate Jesus!

MATTHEW 16:13-17

- Who do people say that you are? – Could be true, could not be true.
- Who do you say that you are? – A greater confidence that what other people think that you are, BUT could be true, could not be true.
- Many of us have identities built outside of Christ that we are very proud of.
- Many are trying their best to be somebody they are not:
 - Somebody with a great personality but not their calling
 - OR tough, proud, and strong – really adamant and defensive about bad character.

THERE IS FUNDAMENTAL IDENTITY you have that is primary to your gifts, personality and talents:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child of God • Light of the World • Salt of the Earth | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply of God's Eye • Ambassador of Christ |
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- A spirit made in the image of God and redeemed from death and set apart from the corruption this age.
 - Secondary to this ID: Gifts, Talents, Profession, Personality

WE ALLOW THESE SECONDARY IDENTITY TO OVERRIDE OUR PRIMARY ID

To Rebuild our Heart, our IDENTITY must be in CHRIST 100%

- STOP trying to do things for God without taking the time to understand our ID.
- STOP trying to represent a King and Kingdom whose primary ID we do not accept.
- Just like Moses, if they ask, “who sent you?” Would you answer with you or Jesus?

ILLUSTRATION: Reverse Foundation Diagram

These are not you:

- External Forces: Where you are from, national or local identity
- Family: Wealth, pride, name, good or bad characteristics
- Flesh: Your mistakes, 5 senses, weaknesses
- YOU ARE THE REDEEMED OF GOD

In our YEAR of READINESS, God is challenging us, because many of us profess readiness but based on our charisma, experience, gifts and talents, and NOT identity in Christ Jesus. Those who profess fear and never ready are also depending on self and not on Christ.

Let your IDENTITY in CHRIST be the PRIMARY focus of your walk with God, because:

1. That is the primary focus. **GALATIANS 4:19**, **EPHESIANS 4:11-14**
2. All spiritual warfare begins with the enemy challenging your identity in God.
GENESIS 3:1, 4-5, **MATTHEW 4:3, 6, 9**

SUMMARY

- Look hard into the Mirror of the Word – TOOL #1
 - Do I look like Jesus?
- Look at King Jesus and His Kingdom – TOOL #2
 - Am I totally submitted to His rule and authority?
- Look at the evidence of the Season of the Spirit – TOOL#3
 - Am I always being fruitful?

MATTHEW 16:17 – Only God can reveal your IDENTITY in CHRIST

- Ask Jesus: Who do you say that I am?