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Know Who You Are!

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

How can you be a child of God when you don't know who you are? The world we live in defines our identity by a variety of internal and external factors like society, family, love ones, ethnicity, race, culture, location, opportunities, media, interests, appearance, self-expression, and life experiences. **The Bible says that male and female are created in God's image** (Genesis 1:27). Knowing your identity will give you a sense of knowing who you are, which is important to our wellbeing and confidence. Get in the Word of God and it will tell you what you should be and what you should not be!

Our true identity is who God says we are. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." (2 Corinthians 5:17). We are brand-new people on the inside. The Holy Ghost gives us new life, and we are not the same anymore. We are not reformed, rehabilitated, or reeducated—we are new creations, living in vital union with Christ. We are not merely turning over a new leaf; we are beginning a new life under a new Master.

First Peter 2:9 says, "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light." We often base our self-concept on our accomplishments, but our relationship with Christ is far more important than our jobs, our successes, our wealth, or our knowledge. We have been chosen by God as His very own, and we have been called to represent Him to others. Remember that your value come from being one of God's children, not from what you can achieve. **You have worth because of what God does, not because of what you do.**

Some of us might have been thieves, prostitutes, or even murderers, but repentance, baptism, and being filled with the Holy Ghost made us new creatures in Christ. Whatever our past misdeeds, our sins were forgiven and even forgotten by the Lord. Some of us forgot how bad we had been. We feel as if we merited salvation because of our own goodness. Paul reminded the Corinthians how far the Lord had brought them. The fact is, we are all sinners with a past history of willful disobedience toward God. *"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God"* (Romans 3:23).

Our bodies are the **"temple of the Holy Ghost,"** just as the Jew's Temple in Jerusalem was not to be defiled, the church is not to be spoiled and ruined by divisions, controversy, or other sins as its members come together to worship God. Many people say they have the right to do whatever they want with their own bodies. Although they think this is freedom, they are really enslaved by their own desires. When we are filled with the Holy Ghost, we no longer own our bodies. That we have been **"brought with a price,"** Christ's death freed us from sin, but also obligates us to His service. Because your body belongs to God, you must not violate His standards for living.

We must be careful in mingling with this sinful world; to be a partake of their pleasures, pursuits, and follies, is detestable and hateful in the sight of God. Romans 12:2 tells us, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." For those of us who have discovered God's Kingdom of light, there can be no compromise with the kingdom of darkness.

God redeemed us from the tyranny of sin, not with money, but with the precious blood of Jesus Christ. We could not escape from sin on our own; only the life of Jesus Christ could free us. Christ's sacrifice for our sins was not an afterthought, not something God decided to do when the world got out of control. This plan was set in motion by the all-knowing, eternal God long before the world was created. This assured us that the Law was not being scrapped because it didn't work, but that both the Law and the coming of Christ were part of God's eternal plan. **The Law was a schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ** (Galatians 3:24).

Stop living out of who other people say you are and take hold of the truth of God's word. Paul gives six virtues that the people of God should pursue: righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, and gentleness.

People of God Know Who You Truly Are in God!