

Who Am I?
Uncovering the Real You
Luke 4 / Ephesians 1

Identity: sameness of essential or generic character in different instances.

Luke 4:1-4

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. 3 The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.” 4 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘People do not live on bread alone.’”

Deuteronomy 8:2-3

2 Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the desert these forty years, to humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. 3 He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

Basic Instinct: **“Once I know who I am, I will find fulfillment, purpose, and joy.”**

Identity: Who God says I am

Two Truths About Identity

1. Your identity is always found in the reflection of ourselves we see in another’s eyes.
2. When what I do establishes who I am, how good I am at what I do determines my value.

Who Did God Say Jesus Is?

Luke 3:21-23

21 When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened 22 and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.” 23 Now Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he began his ministry.

Three Keys to Finding Your Identity

1) You Are God’s Son

Ephesians 1:3-6

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. 4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love 5 he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

2) God is passionately, actively, and intentionally in love with you!

Ephesians 2:4-8

4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

3. God, your Father, is pleased with you!

Ephesians 2:10

For we are God's workmanship (finished masterpiece), created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.