

WHO AM I?

It is a fundamental truth that we
cannot live our life to the full
if we do not know

WHO WE ARE
or
WHAT WE ARE HERE FOR

Most people live life without any
concept or sense of identity or destiny.
Life just happens around them.

We are the
PEOPLE OF PROMISE

We are not an accident going somewhere to happen.
We are designed by God to perform the works of God.
“If God be for us, who can be against us”

This study will strengthen your conviction
as sons and daughters of promise
and enable us to live dynamic lives for the
Glory of God.

WHO AM I

Matthew 22:37-39

***“Thou shalt love the Lord your God with all your heart.
with all your soul and with all your mind.
This is the first and great commandment.
and the second is like it you shall love your neighbour as yourself”***

What is our Basic Human Need ?:

⇒ Self-worth (value another places on your life) 1 Cor 6:19-20
Rom 8: 38-39

Painting illustration

⇒ Significance (value you place on your life) Pr 5:9 -11, Pr 18:16
(your sense of Influence & Contribution) James 4:10 Jer 29:11

⇒ Security (safe / protected) Is 43:1–5 , Pr 18:10, 2Tim 1:7

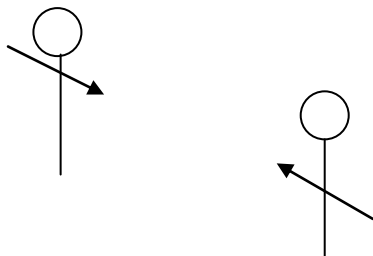
These were lost in the garden but restored through the Cross of Jesus Christ

Now let's look at various elements that build our Identity

1. UNDERSTANDING ADOPTION

We will never know WHO we are until we know WHOSE we are

Rom 8 :15-17, Eph 1:5, John 1:11-13, Gal 4:1-7 There is a distinct difference between Natural children and their parents, and Adopted children and their adopted parents. Unless we understand this difference , the relationship will never succeed, no matter how sincere the parents may be. Something has to happen to complete the relationship.



The parents adopt the Child but the child must also adopt the Parents. The parent can only Parent if the child chooses to be their Child.
So it is with God.

Father reaches out We must reach back
He adopts us We must adopt Him

There must be a two way commitment

Training (Sonship) begins when we adopt our Father and unconditionally choose to yield to His Fatherhood.

Let us take a moment to Pray and ask God the Father to be our father. Let us commit our life to His fatherhood.

2. TRUSTING GOD

The evidence of any relationship is Trust. No trust, no relationship.

Many people say “ *I do not trust anyone*” Listen, God understands we have been hurt by people, but He is not people, He is God. He came to heal and restore our lives.

Note the study on forgiveness and healing at the conclusion of this study. Be Healed and Be Free.

Heb 13:5-6 “.....*I will never leave you or forsake you....*”

Rom 8: 31-39 “.....*what can separate us from the Love of Christ....*”

We Must Trust our Heavenly Father and we can trust Him.

Proverbs 3:5-7

“Trust in the Lord...” We don’t always understand!

1 Corinthians 2:14-16

“Natural man perceives not spiritual”

1 Thessalonians 5:24

“He called you...faithful to perform”

Exodus

Children of Israel in the wilderness learning to trust

Is 55:8-9

“ my ways are not your ways”

Rom 12 : 1-2

“living sacrifice.....”

Trust is the **Evidence** of our **Personal Decision** to have **Faith Toward God.**

C/f Matthew 8 Centurion had faith

Phil 4:6, 1Pet 5:7

3. WE ARE CREATED

We Need to Understanding this. This is a major problem for mankind.

Man’s pride has robbed him of this relationship with his Creator.

Note : Rom 1: 21-23

Jeremiah 18:6 & Isaiah 64:8

“He is the potter we are the clay”

Isaiah 45:9-10

“Woe to him who strives with his maker”

Psalms 139:13-18

“Fearfully and wonderfully made”

Jeremiah 1:4-8

“Know you before womb”

Revelation 4:11

“for His pleasure we are created”

Matthew 5:16

“see our good works and glorify..”

Now a sense of Destiny – created for a purpose

His handiwork – He is the master craftsman. Note: the 4th dimension ,a living expression.

4. PERSONAL DESTINY

You Have a Destiny/Purpose

Romans 8:28-30

“foreknew ..predestined”

Eph 1: 4-11

“ predestined to do His will...”

2 Timothy 1:9

“..holy calling.. according to His purpose”

Philippians 3:13,14

“press into high calling of God”

2 Peter 1:10

“making calling and election sure”

1 Timothy 1:12

“who has enabled me”

Daniel 11:32

“know their God shall do exploits”

How do we know the Will of God?? Everyone asks this question.

Lets examine the scriptures.

Proverbs 16:1-3

“commit thy works unto the Lord”

Psalms 37:3-5

“delight thyself in the Lord”

Proverbs 3:5-7

“commit thy way unto the Lord”

Here is the process: You meditate in the Lord, He gives you His desire in your heart, you trust Him each day and He will bring it to pass. PERFECT

What “Desire” has God birthed in you? What is your dream? This is your call. Believe it, prepare for it, and let God do it. Hallelujah.

5. YOUR GIFTINGS AND PERSONALITY

So let’s look at the other created elements of our life.

a. Romans 12: 5-8

Motivational Gifts - seven gifts
(giving, serving, exhorting, leading, showing mercy, prophecy/intuitive, teaching)

b. Matthew 25

Talents - natural abilities

c. Psalm 139

Personality

(structured/unstructured, task/people leader/supportive, outgoing/inward)

Ephesians 4:11-12

Gift of Christ
(apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor & teacher)

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Spiritual Gifts – nine gifts
(w.of k, w.of w, faith, healings, Miracles, prophecy, discerning of Spirits, tongues, int. of Tongues.

2 Peter 1:10

Calling / Destiny / Desire

Galatians 5:22-23

Fruit of the Spirit The Nature of Jesus

love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, meekness,
goodness, faith, self-control (kindness)

We must develop the **Nature** of Jesus – but we all have our own **Individuality**.

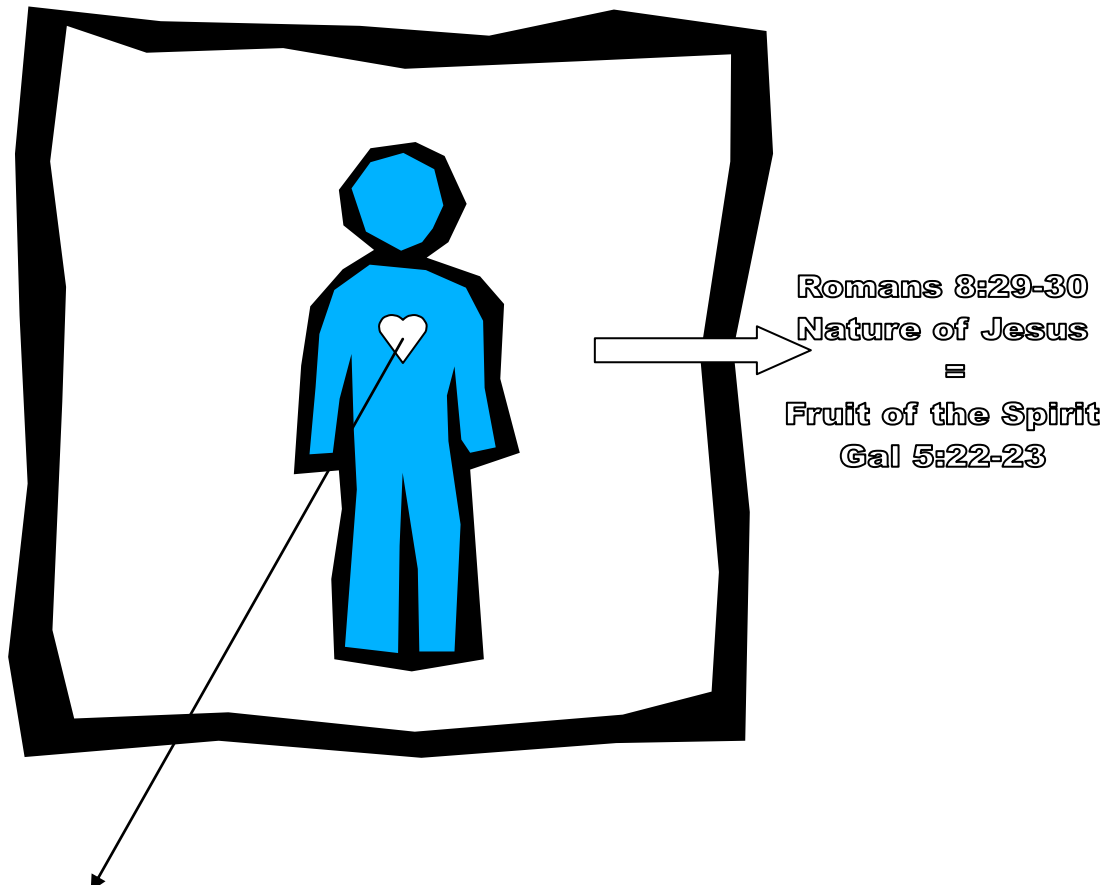
Self Acceptance

In the love of God we begin to understand the purposes of God for our lives and why we are made the particular way we are. Having settled these issues, we can get on and live. We are not comparing ourselves with others but content to be ourselves.

Love God and neighbour as **Self**
Can't love neighbour if we don't **Love Ourselves**
Can't love ourselves if we don't **Love God**

clothed in Holy Spirit

Acts 1:8



Holy Spirit – Initiator/Inspiration – 1 John 2:27

- * Desire
- * Talents
- * Motivation
- * Personality
- * Calling
- * Giftings

Connected Study :

Many Christian are not free because they haven't understood how to forgive others the offences in their lives. They misunderstand forgiveness and healing and therefore spend their entire lives bound by un-forgiveness.

This study will set them free to live in peace, be healed and be restored to full strength.

FORGIVENESS AND HEALING : being forgiven, forgiving self and forgiving others.

Forgiveness is toward God, yourself, and man.

Forgiveness releases yourself from offences and puts responsibility on the offender.

Math 6 : 12, 14-15

Math 18: 21-35

Exodus 12: 1-13

Is 53 : 4-5

John 20:21-23

Rom 12 : 17-21

Pr 20:22

To forgive is a choice , healing is a process.

Math 18:7

Luke 17:1

John 16:33

Forgiveness is like an anti-biotic for the pain of Offences. It stops infection and allows healing to take place.

Having Forgiven, we must allow time for healing to be complete.

We are healed when we are healed. Not before.

We are healed when there is no longer pain attached to the memory.

Healing is personal. No-one else can tell you when you are healed.

As long as forgiveness is there, healing will come.

I KNOW WHO I AM , I KNOW GOD , I AM FORGIVEN AND HAVE FORGIVEN OTHERS , PRAISE GOD “ I AM FREE “

