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Who Does God Say You Are?**

We are in a battle with an invisible realm of demonic forces that is as real as the realm we live in. *John 10:10; Ephesians 6:10-12*

Three critical beliefs that Satan wants to steal from us are:

- 1) Our true identity
- 2) Our true value and worth
- 3) Our true life purpose

All of us desperately want to know who we are, what we are really worth and what our life purpose is.

All of us have a “self image” shaped by these five sources.

Self Image Defined: *“It is our inner self portrait. It is how we truly see ourselves, it’s the mirror-image of our souls or how we truly feel about ourselves.”*

– Josh McDowell

Like Solomon said: *“As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.” – Proverbs 23:7 NKJ*

How you see yourself determines how you behave, how you treat others and even how you treat yourself. *Matthew 12:34b-35*

“No person can behave in a way that is inconsistent with the way he honestly perceives himself.”

– Neil Anderson

Tragically, many of us formed our self image at an early age, and we were strongly influenced by a world and people under the grip of Satan’s lies and deception.

1 John 5:19; Colossians 2:8

We came to resolute convictions about who we are, what we are worth and what we could be based on false information and lies. *John 8:44*

But in Christ we have a new Father who knows the truth about who we are, what we are worth and what we were made to do. *Ephesians 1:3-8a; 2 Corinthians 10:4-5; Matthew 6:22*

We cooperate with this amazing transformation of our inner man by knowing, believing, confessing and standing on who our Father says we are.

John 8:31b-32; Matthew 4:1-7

Seven I Am’s: Who My Father Says I Am

1) I am fearfully and wonderfully made by Him in His image to reflect His likeness. *Genesis 1:26-28; Psalm 139:13-16*

2) I am now, through my faith in Christ, fully forgiven for all my sins and the recipient of a brand new identity as His beloved child. *2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 1:3-8; Ephesians 2:1-9*

3) I am free from the grip of sin, Satan and death all through what Christ has done for me and freely gave me when I believed in Him as my Savior

and Lord.

Romans 6:6-11; Romans 6:20-23; Romans 10:9-10; 1 John 4:4; Revelation 12:11

4) I am now the living temple of the Holy Spirit who lives in me to fill me and use me so I can live a life fully pleasing to my Father. *1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Romans 8:11; Ephesians 3:14-21; 2 Corinthians 3:17-18*

5) I am His priceless masterpiece created for a life purpose and good works that I was uniquely designed to do for His glory. *Ephesians 2:10; Jeremiah 1:4-5; 1 Samuel 16:11-13; Luke 1:13-17*

6) I am part of the most life changing family on the earth today whom I have the privilege of both helping to grow up and to grow larger. *Ephesians 4:11-16; 1 Peter 2:9-10*

7) I am safe and secure now as I work with My Father on my continual transformation, and I live with confident anticipation about the unimaginable eternal future He is preparing for me.

John 10:27-30; Matthew 6:25-26; Romans 8:32,35-39; Philippians 1:6; Philippians 2:12-13; John 14:1-3; 1 Corinthians 2:9

Only God, your Heavenly Father, should be the final authority on who you are, what your value is and what your life purpose is. Don’t let the father of lies rip you off!

Discussion Questions:

1) What words would you use to describe the you that you see inside of you? Who’s had significant impact on how you see yourself?

2) Has Satan sown any lies into your heart about who you are or what you’re worth? Study how he attacked Jesus’ identity in Matt. 4:1-7. How did Jesus resist Satan?

3) Study the “Seven I Am’s: Who My Father Says I Am.” Read the Scriptures that go with them. Which ones do you truly believe? Which ones do you struggle to believe? Pray honestly for one another and refuse to let Satan steal your real identity in Christ!