

Identity Crisis

John 1:12-13 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Identity Crisis in the world

Judges 21:25 In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

2 Thessalonians 2:10-12 ...because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. ¹¹ Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, ¹² in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Identity Crisis in the church

Nebuchadnezzar complex

Daniel 4:30 and the king answered and said, "Is not this great Babylon, which **I** have built by my mighty power as a royal residence and for the glory of my majesty?"

Pharisaical complex

Luke 18:11 The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.

2 Corinthians 10:12 But when they measure themselves by one another and compare themselves with one another, they are without understanding.

Little god complex

Exodus 20:3,5 ³you shall have no other gods before me. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God

Adam and Eve complex

Genesis 3:8 ...the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

Our Identity is in Christ

How God views us

Colossians 1:21-22 And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you **holy** and **blameless** and **above reproach** before him.

Colossians 3:3 For you have died, and **your life is hidden** with Christ in God.

The Blood—life and death

Leviticus 17:11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life.

Hebrews 9:12 he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, **thus securing an eternal redemption.**

□ The Blood Covering

○ Cleanses

1 John 1:7 and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Isaiah 1:18 though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow.

○ Confidence

Hebrews 10:19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus

○ Protection

Exodus 12:13 The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

○ Freedom

Revelation 1:5 To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood

○ No condemnation

John 3:18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned...

Romans 8:1-2 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

○ Salvation

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life

Our Part

□ Obedience

2 John 1:6 And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it.

Isiah 59:1-2 Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear; ² but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.

□ Trust

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Psalms 91 ...he will deliver you... He will cover you... You will not fear...

□ Believe

Hebrews 3:7-8 "Today, if you hear his voice,⁸ do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion,

Ephesians 1:18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, **that you may know** what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints.