



# How Our Identity AFFECTS OUR RELATIONSHIPS

**1 Peter 2:9**

<sup>9</sup> But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR *God's* OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;



# Purpose of Study


Strengthen every believer in the knowledge of their Christ given identity that they may please God when they are engaging others, God, and themselves.

Question



**As believers, if we believe a false identity or perspective about ourselves how does that affect our relationships with others?**

Examples from the scriptures are welcomed



# Believing in a false identity can cause you to:

- Talk down to others
- Become jealous
- Envy others
- Snap/ Go off on others
- Have dysfunctional and toxic relationships
- Fear others when fear shouldn't be present
- Be disrespectful



When we don't know who we are and whose we are we can take on any identity that the flesh dictates in that given situation.

The flesh is not stable and cannot be subdued without God's Spirit, but only managed.

Question



**What are some examples of people in the bible that let a false perspective about themselves affect their relationship with others?**



## James 4:1-4 NASB

1 What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members? 2 You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures. 4 You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

Reference



## James 3:14-16 NLT

14 But if you are bitterly jealous and there is selfish ambition in your heart, don't cover up the truth with boasting and lying. 15 For jealousy and selfishness are not God's kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic. 16 For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and evil of every kind.



Study



## 1 Corinthians 1:11-13 NASB

11 For I have been informed concerning you, my brethren, by Chloe's people, that there are quarrels among you. 12 Now I mean this, that each one of you is saying, "I am of Paul," and "I of Apollos," and "I of Cephas," and "I of Christ." 13 Has Christ been divided? Paul was not crucified for you, was he? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?



Once we know who we are in God we notice certain things don't fit or suit us anymore (gossip, jealousy, envy,.....)

Paraphrase from Pastor Charles Stanley

Question



**Who are we as believers? What is our new identity Christ?**



# Our New Identity in Christ

- Free
- Saint
- Loved
- Forgiven
- Perfected
- Redeemed
- Child of God
- Uncondemnable
- Dead to sin but alive to God

Once we know this and walk in it daily our relationships with ourselves, people, and God will change. Confidence is birth, shame is removed, and the flesh is subdued.

Reference:

You are a purchased temple



## 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 NASB

19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? 20 For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

Reference:

Chosen, royal priesthood, holy,  
God's own possession



## 1 Peter 2:9 NASB

9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

Reference:  
Child of God



## John 1:12 NASB

12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,

Reference:

You have greatness inside of you



## 1 John 4:4 NASB

4 You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.



Reference:  
Uncondemnable



## **Romans 8:1 NASB**

1 Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus

Question



**How do we fight against believing the lie the world and we sometimes tell ourselves that keeps us from walking in our true identity?**

Reference:  
Consider yourself holy



## Romans 6:11-12 NASB

11 Even so consider (reckon, suppose, think, count) yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts,

**Speak over yourself. The body does what the mind dictates.**

Reference:

Remember your source and who  
forgave you



## Colossians 3:13-14 NLT

13 Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. 14 Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony.

**Reference:**

**Let your actions be powered by  
your identity**



**Luke 6:31-32 New Living Translation (NLT)**

**31 Do to others as you would like them to do to you.**

**32 “If you love only those who love you, why should you get credit for that? Even sinners love those who love them!**



**Let your actions be powered by your identity in Christ and not by the actions of others.**

**Treat everyone like a gentlemen not because they're one but because you are.**

**Be absorbed by the Word and you will find yourself anchored in your Christ given identity.**



**“FIGHT FROM YOUR FREEDOM NOT FOR YOUR  
FREEDOM.”**

—MARK BALLENGER



GALATIANS 2:20

**New American Standard Bible**

"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

**New Living Translation**

My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.