

Never Lose your Identity (I)

"You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world." (1st John 4:4, New King James Version).

This is the key Bible verse for the ***"Come and See"*** devotional today.

Knowing our identity is important because this determines our position in the physical and spiritual realms of life. People with little insight into their identity are easy prey to the devil and his desolate fallen agents, as they are confused and so their agony and eventual defeat is inevitable.

The Bible records that Immediately after the baptism of Jesus Christ by John the Baptist, an important announcement was made by Almighty God concerning Jesus' identity: *"and suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, 'This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.'" (Matthew 3:17, New King James Version).* This revelation was essential for the purpose of Jesus Christ to be fulfilled. It upset the devil and he immediately reacted by doing what he does best: *"to steal, kill and to destroy."* (John 10 verse 10a, New King James Version). The devil duly sought to destroy the identity of Jesus, as the Bible relates: *"the tempter came to him and said, 'if you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.'" (Matthew 4:3, New International Version).* The devil then attempted on two more occasions to test, discredit and question the identity of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Refer to Matthew 4:6-8).

Today's key Bible verse reveals our real identity because it states that we belong to God and not the devil; the verse also assures us of a positive outcome to any situation we may encounter in life. We overcome life's trials because the Spirit of God lives in us: *"For the Spirit in you is far stronger than anything in the world."* (1st John 4:4, The Message). Recall that when Jesus was betrayed and delivered up for trial, the main charge against Him was centred on His identity. The Bible states: *"but Jesus remained silent. The high priest said to him, 'I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.'" (Matthew 26:63, New International Version).* This further suggests how relentless Satan is about stealing our identity or confusing us about our true identity in Christ Jesus.

Your new identity in God through Jesus Christ, holds the key to your victory over the devil and his ugly works in your life. But if you confront him as a natural man, you will be defeated because he is used to the ways of individual men and women; however he cannot deal with Spirit-filled saints of God. John 3: 8 states: *"The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit"*. Moses did not confront Pharaoh as a mortal man but as a god. Here, the Bible states: *"so the LORD said to Moses: 'See, I have made you as God to Pharaoh, and Aaron your brother shall be your prophet.'" (Exodus 7:1, New King James Version).*

Your spiritual source is Christ Jesus and you are born of the Spirit of God: this is your true identity and you should never doubt this. Also, never allow the enemy to steal your identity through deceptions.

Let us pray: "Father, You live in me by your Holy Spirit. I refuse to be confused regarding my true identity in You," in Jesus' Mighty Name, Amen.

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