

## Never Lose your Identity (II)

***“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.

If the devil repeatedly challenged the identity of Jesus Christ, then he will certainly attempt to do the same to all of us. Apostle Peter cautioned us saying: *“be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.”* (1st Peter 5:8, New King James Version). When we refer to the term ‘identity’ we are not concerned with physical appearance, which is of no importance in spiritual warfare. Instead we refer to our identification with the Son of God, Christ Jesus, who died for our sins and was resurrected on the third day.

The size of Goliath was irrelevant when David challenged him (1st Samuel 17 verses 1-57) and they both understood the place of divine identity in warfare; both men identified with their deities. Thus, Goliath cursed David in the name of his gods, while David answered him saying: *“you come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.”* (1st Samuel 17 verse 45, New King James Version). David made this declaration based on his awareness of his covenant identity in God through Abraham, knowing that this gave him the spiritual advantage needed to defeat Goliath. He later declared in Psalms 139 verse 14: *“I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well.”* (New King James Version).

As mentioned in the first part of this series of devotionals, the exploits of Jesus Christ during His earthly ministry were traceable to his awareness of who He was. We must all be aware that the wicked spirits of this world do not recognize or respect anyone based on physical features such as the colour of their skin, size of their muscles or degree of intellect. Nobody can fight and win spiritual warfare using those attributes. For example, when the seven sons of Sceva tried to imitate the Apostles, they were beaten and stripped naked by the demon which possessed the man whom they encountered. The evil spirit said: *“Jesus I know, and Paul I know about, but who are you?”* (Acts 19 verse 15, New International Version).

When we accept Christ Jesus as our Lord and Saviour, by giving our lives to Jesus Christ, we automatically assume the spiritual identity of the Son of God. This enables us to function like Jesus: *“For in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are also His offspring.’”* (Acts 17 verse 28, New King James Version). We must realise that we are programmed for success and not failure, victory and not defeat, faith and not fear, blessings and not curses, progress and not regress, life and not death.

Let us pray: *“Father, You live in me by your Holy Spirit. I will not be confused regarding my true identity in You,”* in Jesus’ Mighty Name, Amen.

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