



I am not Black!

This statement is one that could rattle a few Feathers. I do not appreciate it when someone putting me in a box of skin color identity. Many people define or identify themselves by the physical, emotional, and the natural realm—not me. If they struggle with alcohol, they identify as being alcoholics. If they struggle with attractions towards same sex individuals, they suddenly identify as gay.

For many folks, their identity is in their behavior, looks and even more in their professions. They identify as basketball players, doctors, teachers, or police officers and on the list goes. Although not everything is wrong about these something is majorly wrong if a person is born again. If we are talking in terms of what we do, we can tell people what we do but still not identify as what we do. Now I do understand that you can say all these things to try to describe a person physical and outward appearance to another but one thing we have missed which is the most critical of all is we have not identified after who we are in the spirit.

I heard a story of two young men got lost and they were trying to find direction to where they were supposed to be going. Looking down their way, they saw a decorated army General coming down, they asked him if he knew where they were. The General asked, “Do you know who I am?” They looked at each other and said, “We are in trouble, we don’t know where we are, and this man doesn’t know who he is.”

- One of the most important part of our Christian life is to know who we are. Not knowing who you are is worse than not knowing where you are.

Although I have a black skin color, I am not black. Black is not who I am. I do not see myself as black, nor do I identify myself by the physical or the color of my skin. People can identify me as they wish, but I also have a way I identify myself which matters the most. In the spirit, I am not black nor is anyone of another color. What you see is not who I am. I am not my skin color. We have no color in the spirit. Our spirit man is colorless.

Now this will not make sense if you are not born again. You will have to be born again and receive a brand-new spirit to identify as who you are in the Spirit. Those who are not born again can only identify based on the physical and emotional realm because they do not have this new spirit on the inside of them. If you are born again, the real you is who you are in the Spirit. That is your true identity, not any of these carnal things.

What you do, your country of origin, your looks are not who you are. Do not fall for the identity crisis drama that is going on.

In the spirit I'm a born again believer in the Lord Jesus, new creature (creation), a child of the most high God, righteous, forgiven, holy, sanctified, perfected forever, anointed, full of love, Joy, peace, as He is in this world, chosen generation, peculiar people, Holy nation, **one spirit with the Lord** (1 Corinthians 6:17). All this is true for each person that has believe in the Lord Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

- a) We need to know each other not after the flesh but the spirit (2 Corinthians 5:16). I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:21). I am a child of the most high God, anointed, holy, blessed, sanctified, new creature, and a peculiar people.
- b) Notice I did not mention a thing in the natural. I did not talk about my bank account, my looks, dress code, my skin color, accomplishments, my experience, title, position or education. Unfortunately, most people identify with and in the natural. If you do not mention or talk about their natural accolades or achievements, they will kill you.

Therefore, for us to know our new and true identity we have to know what took place and where? The main thing to understanding your new identity in Christ is understanding *where* this change happened. It did not take place in your physical realm. It did not take place in your soul – emotions, personality, mental (mind), and thoughts.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

- a) Once a person is born again, he has a new identity. A new ID of a believer reveals totally different than what most people think.
- b) Our identity is one of the most crucial possessions we have in the physical world and in the spiritual world—but it is not in the natural.

For everyone that is born again, he/she has a new man on the inside, and this is how that individual ought to address and see themselves. Anything else comes short of God's best for them and the way He sees them. Ephesians 4:24, the new man it talks about is our newborn-again spirit. He is created in righteousness and true Holiness. He does not become Holy and righteous; he was created that way.

If we see ourselves wrong or address ourselves wrong, we will think and act wrong. How we see ourselves and knowing our true identity is crucial to changing how we see ourselves and eventually how we behave. When I got up this morning, I did not wear high heels, a skirt, lipstick, or a bra. Guess why? Because I am not a girl/woman and I do not identity myself as one, so I do not act as one. Get my point?

I was born in a culture that values and loves titles. If you for instance addressed a preacher without the title Pastor, Evangelist, prophet, bishop, or Doctor, you will have made an enemy. It would be considered disrespectful. I am not saying we should not use titles but if we get mad because someone has not addressed us by our title, then we have our identity in that title. We

need a revelation of who we are in Christ. This culture thrives on these titles and many folks have wrapped their identity in these titles.

Many other countries and cultures put a lot of emphasis on titles. I do not play the title game because I know who I am in Christ and my true identity. I do not have to impress people by or through my so-called title. I am secure in who I am in the Lord which is descriptive of my identity. I consciously take steps not to get my identity and self-worth in the physical or natural. Do not let your title define you or describe you. You do not have to describe or Introduce yourself with your title.

One of the reasons we do this is because we are trying to promote ourselves. We should rather let the LORD promote us. Of course, not in all instances are we promoting ourselves when we use a title and I am not against titles, but we should not have our identity in them. It is true that if we have our identity in a title, we will get offended if one of them is left out. Not only in the area of skin color, do not put your Identity in titles or positions.

Do not be caught up in your title as your identity and if you are not careful, you can start looking down on others or even think you are better than them. They (if believers) have the same spirit of God on the inside of them like yourself. In the spiritual realm, you are no better than them. You are on the same level as your brothers and sisters although you might be in a role or position with authority over them.

When we identify in the natural or the physical, we tend to think of ourselves more highly than we should. You might be more qualified, experienced, but you are still not greater, and you should not have your identity wrapped up in those things and accolades. Every person has gifting, capacities, and anointing God has placed on side of them.

Your identity is not:

- What you do, your job, position, or profession. **We need to separate who we are from what we do.**
 - Family heritage
 - Sex (Male or Female)
 - Skin color (Black, white, brown, red or yellow)
 - Hair color (black, blonde or brunet)
 - Your body (skinny or fat)
 - Country of origin
 - Achievements or success.
- a) A person's physical attraction, name, looks or beauty is not who they are. It is not your identity and you should not wrap your identity in your looks.
- i) You are not your body and you need to quit identifying yourself by your flesh. I do not care how cute or beautiful you think you are. I do not care if you are a model and I do not care if you are skinny or fat.
 - ii) Many people have their identity in their name. If you said it wrong or did anything about their name, they would come after you. I am learning to grow secure in the

Lord and not have my identity fully wrapped in my name or what people call me especially if it is not in line with God's Word.

- b) **Physical beauty is awesome, but it fades. It is temporary. If you do not make the necessary adjustment, you will fall apart once something negative happens to your physical looks or beauty.**
- c) It is important to understand the real you. Some believe and others even teach that we are a soul with a body, but the word of God clearly shows that **we are a spirit being with a soul, living in a physical body.**

Summary of what we are and have in Christ in Chapters 1-3:

- Blessed with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus.
- Chosen before the foundations of the earth.
- Predestined unto the adoption of children.
- We have redemption
- Forgiveness of Sins
- Have been given the riches of His grace.
- He has abounded unto us all wisdom and prudence.
- Made known unto us the mystery of His will.
- Have obtained an inheritance.
- Sealed with the Holy Spirit of Promise.
- Quickened together with Christ
- Raised us up with Him
- Sitted with Him in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.
- Loved us with His great love.
- Saved us by Grace through faith
- Made nigh by the blood of Jesus.
- Made us both one (Gentiles and Jews) by breaking down the middle wall of partition
- He is our peace and has reconciled us unto God.
- Made a new man
- We have access by one Spirit unto the Father.
- No more strangers, foreigners but fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God.

In conclusion, a revelation of who you are in the spirit will revolutionize your life. It will transform your life. You are not your skin color (black, white, yellow, pink or whatever) nor are you all these other things many of us identify as. I am not black. I am a child of God with incredible anointing and power on the inside of me that can be described for identification as black, but black is not who I am nor am I a pastor or teacher.