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Jesusology

“New Identity”

Mark 3:6-19

There is a serious crime of ID theft that happens to people everyday involving their internal sense of wellbeing from having built their ID on a foundation that is not big enough to support their life. Identity apart from God is inherently unstable. Without God, our sense of identity may seem solid on the surface, but it never is, it can be ripped off in a moment.

Mark 3:6-19

Jesus is reaching the peak of His popularity. The crowds are so intense the Greek language says that they were “violently trampling them”.

How does Jesus respond to the crushing crowds? By going up into a mountain and naming His disciples. By giving them a New Identity!

TO KEEP LIFE FROM CRUSHING ME:

In Jesus I Have A New Identity! (John 15:15-16; Rom. 8:15-17; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 John 3:1) V14 “he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles)...” Vv16-19 He then gives them individual names. (John 10:3; Rev. 2:17)

- Everyone is building their identity on something. (Matt. 6:19-21)
- Whatever you build your ID on owns you. (Luke 16:19-31 Rich man & Lazarus)
- When Jesus names you, you have an ID that is unshakable. (Matt. 7:24-27)
- Your ID in Christ will ultimately transform your life. (Eph. 4:20-24; Rom. 12:1-2)

My New Identity Is Discovered, Developed and Deployed In...

- ☑ **Intimacy** (Genuine) v14 “...that they might be with Him.” (John 1:12)
- ☑ **Community** (Growing) V14 “He appointed twelve...” (Acts 2:42)
- ☑ **Ministry** (Giving) v14 “...named them Apostles.” (1 Pet. 4:10)
- ☑ **Evangelism** (Going) vv14-15 ...to send them out to preach... and drive out demons.” (Acts 1:8)

Luke 10:20 “Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

Don’t get your ID (name) from your performance but from the fact that your citizenship is in heaven. To the degree your ID is in Christ is to the degree you can handle anything: Success won’t puff you up and Failure won’t deflate you.



Growing

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- 1) What does this mean? Everyone gets their identity, their sense of being distinct and valuable, from somewhere or something. What role does our identity play in our ability to endure the crushing events of life?

- 2) Read Mark 3:6-19. Jesus is reaching the peak of His popularity. How does He respond to the crushing crowds? How important is it to regularly withdraw from the crushing demands of life and remind yourself of your identity in Christ?

- 3) Everyone is building their ID on something. Whatever you build your ID on owns you. Explain. How is your ID in Christ unshakable and how does it ultimately change your life? (Eph. 4:20-24; Rom.12:1-2)

- 4) What four things help me to discover, develop, and deploy (live out) my new ID in Christ? Which one(s) are strengths and which one(s) growth areas for you?

- 5) What crushing life event are you going through or could foresee going through that would certainly challenge your ID? What was Jesus' point in this parallel passage (Luke 10:20)? What is your next step in making your ID in Christ more real? Pray about it.