

OVERCOMING IDENTITY CRISIS

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Identity crisis is a major issue in the body of Christ. Many do not know who a true believer is in life. Until a man knows who he really is, he cannot be a good and excellent leader or manifest fully his sonship in Christ.

We are born in the natural, humans with strengths and weaknesses. We were born and lived in the flesh until we met Christ and we became born spiritually as sons of God translating us to supernatural beings like Jesus our Lord.

(KJV: John 1: 12 - 13)

12. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

13. Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

(NIV: Colossians 3: 1 - 4)

1. Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

2. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

3. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

4. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

(NIV: 1 John 4: 17)

17. In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him.

(NIV: John 3: 31)

31. "The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is from the earth belongs to the earth, and speaks as one from the earth. The one who comes from heaven is above all.

The believer, before becoming a leader in any sphere of life, must be sure that he knows who he is and whose he is. He must be sure where he comes from and who his father is and what kingdom he represents. This understanding changes everything.

- It determines perspective to life and how he reasons.
- It determines how a man packages and carries himself.
- It determines how he dresses, and places he goes and hangs out.
- It determines associations – who he relates with, hangs out with, marries, does business with.
- It determines how he sees others and relates with them.
- It determines how he sees the world.
- It determines what kind of career and business he does and pursues in life.
- It determines his response to issues of life.
- It determines his commitment to his relationship with God.
- It determines everything in life.

The answer to the question of, “who are you”, “who is your father” and “where do you come from” determines everything in life. It deals with the issue of tribalism, nepotism, corruption, greed, abuse of authority and power, pride and ego, which are common challenges in the body of Christ today. It determines level of success.

You are first a son of God from heaven before a Nigerian. You are first a son of God from heaven before an Igbo man or Yoruba man or whatever tribe you come from. You are first a son of God before your natural gender and colour. God first. Your spiritual root and nature comes first before any other thing. Concentrate on who you are on the inside. The more you concentrate on this, the more you manifest the life and power of God in you.

Once we were born sons of men, but now we are born sons of God. We are not expected to give attention what we used to be, but who we are presently. Give attention to the new life in your spirit. Give attention to your sonship in Christ. You are a son of God – a possessor of the very life and nature of God. You are one with God through Christ. You possess the character, authority and power of God in your spirit. Focusing on it all the time will open the door and cause it to continually manifest in every area of your life.

A son of God is a detribalized person. All children of God have only one tribe – the tribe of God. There is no segregation between male and female, colour, race and nationality as we see in the natural. We are one big family. Bear in mind we are not called to live the natural life. We are called to live the supernatural life of God here in this natural world. We are called to live as sons of God here and now.

(NIV: Galatians 3: 26 - 29)

26. You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus,

27. for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

28. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

29. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

(KJV: Psalm 82: 6 - 7)

6. I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High.

7. But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.

As a son of God from above (heaven), you are above all the problems and forces of evil that challenge and battle your life. You must believe this all the time to be able to walk in victory daily. Stop giving too much attention to the devil and what he is doing or not doing against your life. Focus your mind on who you are – a son of God in your spirit. You are from above and above all the problems of all the forces of evil and the problems of life. Until you believe this, there is no hope for you no matter who prays for you and how many

times they pray for you. Change the picture in your head. You are a son of God, God is your Father and you come from heaven.

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(NIV: 1 John 5: 4 - 5)

4. for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.

5. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

According to Colossians 3:1-4, stop thinking of you just as a normal human being and start thinking of you as a son of God. Be heavenly minded and not earthly minded. Set your affection (heart) on things above (life from heaven on the inside of you). Set your mind (thoughts) on heavenly things and not earthly things. Remember, we are taking nothing from the earth to heaven except the record of the deeds that we have done here on earth to be rewarded in heaven or hell.

You were first a son of man, and now a son of God. Give attention to the son of God in you and the greatness of God will be seen in your life. You will never be a successful Christian or leader until you change the way you see and carry yourself. You are a son of God. You are a king and priest unto God in Christ Jesus. You are a possessor of the very life of God. You are not an ordinary man; you are supernatural. You are Jesus on the inside. That's who you are. Never forget that or trade it for anything. Face life with this mindset no matter the challenges that come your way, and you will be a winner everyday and be celebrated.