

What is your **real identity**? What is an **identity**? Is identity something you are **born** with? Is it **changeable** or **never** able to **change**?

The Root Cause of Identity Struggles

Nonbelievers experience **lack of fulfillment** because of their **choice** to **remain** in **Adam's** family... **seeking** to meet their own **needs** and living out of their own **resources**. **Believers** may be **unfulfilled** because they lack **understanding** that their **identity** is **now** in the person of **Christ**. They **still** seek to **serve** God and **meet** their **own** needs out of their **own** resources.

Wrong Belief:

My **identity** is found in the significant **roles/ relationships** in my life. I will be **fulfilled** when I am **seen** as having an **image of success**

Right Belief:

I am **fulfilled** as my life **reflects** the **image** of God by **allowing Christ** to live **in** me and **through** me. My **identity** is found **not** in **earthly** roles or relationships, but is **found** in **Christ**.

"For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority." -Colossians 2:9-10

Steps to Solution

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." -Galatians 2:20

Adam made the **choice** not to **obey** God. Therefore, **all** his descendants **inherited** a **nature** that is **independent** of **God** and seeks to **please** itself. Because God has made it **possible** for us to be His **children**... we are given a **new nature** that is **submissive** to **God** and seeks to **please** Him.

Your New Family Inheritance (Eph 5:8-17)

- *You have* moved from darkness to **light** (8)

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- *You reflect* God's goodness, righteousness and **truth** (9)

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- *You desire* to please God (10)

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- *You expose* evil and **ungodliness** (11)

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- *You are blessed* with **wisdom** (15)

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- *You make* the most of **opportunities** (16)

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- *You seek* to know God's **will** (17)
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