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Psychologists are beginning to recognize an increase in the mental disorder they identify as an “Identity Crisis”! Many of our governmental leaders suffer from an “Identity Crisis;” they actually believe that they are supposed to be served by the populace!

This confusion regarding identity all began in the distant past when a highly placed angel first exhibited this disorder, **“For thou hast said in thine heart . . . I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit!”** The wrong thinking in the mind of this influential being caused him to subject himself and others to the worst outbreak of “Identity Crisis” ever recorded!

My question to you is, “Do you know who you are?” Truly, I mean that! “Do you really know who you are?” You might claim that you are a servant of God. Many of us might feel that way; yet, I can authoritatively prove to you that even that concept is not complete! Who then are you? If you cannot articulate the essence of who you are in one sentence composed few words; trust me, you are having difficulty knowing your own identity! This end-time is no time for Christians to be experiencing an “Identity Crisis!”

Why is it important that we know who we are? Because if we do not know who we are, then we will certainly act like what we are not! We need to act like what we are otherwise we will suffer from spiritual “Identity Crisis.”

Jesus Christ is the one who has allowed for us to receive our true identity, let’s pray in His Holy Name:

Our Father, we come to you in the name of Jesus Christ! We thank you that you have given us the opportunity to hear from you. We ask that your revelation knowledge be given to us through this study. Please flow freely and unhindered by any demonic and satanic forces. Please allow the Holy Spirit to flow through my pen and my voice as You impart Your thoughts into my mind! Holy Spirit your presence is welcome in this place. Touch, heal, and give revelation to everyone who partakes of this study. Father, we give you the praise in the Name of Jesus for sharing this message with us!



Who does satan → the devil say that you are? You remember satan; he is the killer; the liar; the thief; and the destroyer, “The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy” (John 10:10). Also, “He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him” (John 8:44).



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GET READY! TONIGHT, we are going to strike a major blow against the devil! He will hate our study

with a passion because it exposes his biggest lie concerning mankind! However, we are unafraid. We do not serve that tyrant any longer! He will try to attack us; indeed, he already has made an attempt to kill, steal, and destroy my character; more on that later. But, "Greater is he that is in us than he that is in the world!" And, through Christ whom we serve, we will openly unveil our identity! Remember, satan is not after us, we are after him!

Let's return to the concept of an "Identity Crisis." A couple weeks ago in an attempt to serve grieving people in a fashion that would be pleasing to Jesus, I respectfully and with heartfelt sympathy agreed to serve a family during their hour of need. They asked me to deliver a eulogy and an interment service for their beloved mother who had just died. Their mother had been a long-time friend and coworker of mine; we had shared church functions and our children had grown-up together. So, it was natural that I would agree to serve the family during their time of need!

Without invitation, satan the devil got involved in this innocent event. You see, from a seminary perspective I am not an ordained minister. In the sense of an ecclesiastical office, all I have ever laid claim to being is a speaker, an author and a Bible teacher. I have never sought after any other office. In the Biblical sense, my writing and teaching does minister to people, "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that **it may minister grace unto the hearers**" (Eph 4:29). However, the term "minister" as used in this modern society is indicative as they say of "a man of the cloth." Even though the Bible term, "minister" simply means to serve others.

In any case, the children of the deceased prepared their mother's newspaper obituary; it ended with the comment that the "minister" would be Larry Perrino! Giving the title of "minister" to me was merely an innocent mistake on the part of the bereaved. It certainly did not bother me. However, satan the devil made every attempt to magnify that simple misstatement into a much larger problem. The devil stirred-up the situation as he inspired disapproving talk regarding Larry's claiming to be a "minister." By the time I became aware of the circumstances, it was as if Larry Perrino had claimed to be something more than he should. Detractors were assured that Larry Perrino was some kind of a charlatan. A charlatan is an impostor, a fake, a fraud, and a swindler! Some people may actually think that I am experiencing an "Identity Crisis." You know how it goes, "Just who does he think that he is anyway?" Thankfully, I have been **ordained by Jesus**, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and **ordained you**, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you" (John 15:16). I claim that ordination!

Do not get me wrong; in no way do I hold anything against anyone who may have spoken evil of me, "when **affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake**" (Mark 4:17). On the contrary, I am rather amused that the devil is bothered enough by my service that he would actually stir controversy! From our Biblical understanding, who is the charlatan, the impostor, the fake, the fraud, and a swindler? We all know!



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So who is Larry Perrino? Is he experiencing an “Identity Crisis?” The Bible teaches that the real Larry Perrino is a spirit being, made in the image of God, who resides within a tent made of human flesh. Indeed that very tent itself has been made in the image of God, “for we know that if **our earthly house of this tabernacle** were dissolved, **we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens**. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to **be clothed** upon with our house which is from heaven” (2 Cor 5:1-2). We should view our bodies as if they were merely clothes. Notice that my shirt seems to have life. You can see it move with my breath. However, when I remove the shirt it becomes limp and lifeless! So too is my body without my spirit in residence.

Indeed, the Bible teaches that all of us are spirit beings living in physical bodies! You and I both were made in the image of God, “And God said, **Let us make man in our image, after our likeness**: and let them have dominion . . . **So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him**” (Gen 1:26-27).

Just who and what is this “man” that was made in the image of God?

There was a righteous man named Job who practically asked that exact question, “**What is man, that thou shouldest magnify him?** and that **thou shouldest set thine heart upon him?** 18 And that thou shouldest visit him every morning, and try him every moment?” (Job 7:17-18). According to Job’s analysis, God is very interested in mankind and His attention is continually on the man. Even the Angels diligently inquired regarding the status and outcome of man, “**What is man, that thou art mindful of him?** and the son of man, that thou visitest him? 5 **For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels (elohim),** and hast crowned him with glory and honour. 6 **Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet**” (Ps 8:4-6). Some have suggested that that verse in the eighth chapter of Psalms should more actually be rendered, “What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? 5 For thou hast made him a little lower than God.” Their concept is that man was made a little lower than God! Some might say, “Don’t you realize that that statement is heresy? If you believe that, you must be suffering from an ‘Identity Crisis!’” Obviously, this verse can generate a great deal of controversy.

I have personally experienced this very argument. In 1977, while working for a Christian Organization in Colorado Springs, I attended a bible study that rocked me. The organization held a normal staff Bible study on certain Wednesdays during the lunch hour. One day my coworkers prevailed upon me to join the Bible study. The study was entitled “*Lucifer’s Sin.*” The whole message was that Lucifer wanted to become God; it followed therefore that it would be a great sin, (*Lucifer’s Sin*) for humans to think that we can become God. *Lucifer’s Sin* therefore, is one sin that we must tenaciously guard against! I remained quiet, but in total disagreement with the study. Twenty-five years ago, my belief that we are the actual sons of God, was considered to be quite heretical. Back then, I was part of a body of believers who realized that Christians are now the very sons of God; thankfully, that teaching is becoming more popular among Christian Churches.



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We can no longer remain ambivalent with regard to this issue. It is time for you to test the spirits! Are we the sons of God or not? Let us search out and discover the actual Biblical truth that we may see just where there is an “Identity Crisis!”

In the previous passage we observed that man was made a little lower than “*elohim*.” So what exactly does “*elohim*” mean? We have all heard the word “*elohim*” associated with God. Guess how many times is it translated into the word “angels?” The answer is merely one time out of 13 total usages in the Old Testament (see below)! Why is the word translated differently just one time? Apparently, translator(s) simply could not bring themselves to believe the message that the passage would have otherwise resulted in. Therefore he/they took the easy, non-controversial, doctrine-supporting way out.

Man was made a little lower than the angels (*Elohim*)! What exactly does that mean that man was made a little lower than the angels? We will investigate. We will start by observing how the Bible uses “*Elohim*” over twenty-five hundred times in the Old Testament. Next let’s observe how many times “*Elohim*” is translated into the word “Angels.”

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94 matches in KJV for "angels"		
Reference	Context	Strong's
Gen 19:1	And there came two angels to Sodom at	4397
Gen 19:15	arose, then the angels hastened Lot,	4397
Gen 28:12	to heaven: and behold the angels of God	4397
Gen 32:1	on his way, and the angels of God met	4397
Job 4:18	in his servants; and his angels he charged	4397
Ps 8:5	him a little lower than the angels , and	430
Ps 68:17	even thousands of angels : the Lord is	8136
Ps 78:25	Man did eat angels' food: he sent them	47
Ps 78:49	by sending evil angels among them.	4397
Ps 91:11	For he shall give his angels charge over	4397
Ps 103:20	the LORD, ye his angels , that excel in	4397
Ps 104:4	Who maketh his angels spirits; his	4397
Ps 148:2	Praise ye him, all his angels : praise ye	4397

2597 matches in KJV for "430"		
Reference	Context	Strong's
Gen 1:1	In the beginning God created the	430
Gen 1:2	And the Spirit of God moved upon	430
Gen 1:3	And God said, Let there be light: and	430
Gen 1:4	And God saw the light, that it was	430
Gen 1:4	that it was good: and God divided the	430
Gen 1:5	And God called the light Day, and the	430
Gen 1:6	And God said, Let there be a	430
Gen 1:7	And God made the firmament, and	430
Gen 1:8	And God called the firmament	430
Gen 1:9	And God said, Let the waters under	430
Gen 1:10	And God called the dry land Earth;	430
Gen 1:10	called he Seas: and God saw that it	430
Gen 1:11	And God said, Let the earth bring	430
Gen 1:12	after his kind: and God saw that it was	430
Gen 1:14	And God said, Let there be lights in	430
Gen 1:16	And God made two great lights; the	430
Gen 1:17	And God set them in the firmament of	430
Gen 1:18	from the darkness: and God saw that	430



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No, man was not lower than the angels; rather, he was made a little lower than God. In fact, man is the very child of God! How can I hold to the view that I am a child of God? How can we know that we are the very children of God? We will search out that answer from scripture.

Let's start in earnest. The bible clearly teaches that Jesus Christ, indeed all of humanity were made in the Image of God, "In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of **Christ, who is the image of God**" (2 Cor 4:4). In actual fact, the Bible teaches that both Jesus and humanity in general exist in the image of God. Let's observe this idea concerning man from the New Testament, "For a **man** indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as **he is the image and glory of God**" (1 Cor 11:7). On another occasion James expressed that man enjoys his being as one who exists in the likeness of God; he was referencing man's misuse of his tongue, "Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are **made after the similitude of God**" (James 3:9). "Similitude" comes from the Greek word "*homoioo*" (hom-oy-o'-o) from the same root we get Homo sapiens. In describing the process by which cream and milk are combined together into one single substance we use the word *homogenized*. The Greek word "*homoioo*" means to become similar: **be (make) like**, (in the) **liken (-ess)**, resemble.") Clearly, both Jesus Christ and Mankind were made after God's likeness!

We should loudly, proudly, and boldly proclaim in concert with the Bible that we have been made in the image and likeness of God! Are there other New Testament examples of God's children existing in his image? Let's notice what Paul writes, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 **Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God!**" (Phil 2:5-6). Now let's proceed more carefully at this juncture, "Let this mind be in you" (– *or it could be rendered "let this attitude" – or "think like this;" this was Jesus' very attitude!*) Jesus had this kind of attitude! He was not proud or lifted up even though he existed in the form of God. He thought it not robbery to be equal with God! The Bible clearly teaches that we too ought to have this same attitude! Reread that *two-verse* passage from that new perspective! Think about it.

Jesus did not flaunt His likeness with God; rather, just the opposite is true, "But **made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:** 8 And being found in **fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death**, even the death of the cross. 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil 2:7-11).

As noted before, you might in some way believe that you are a servant of God? Most of us think like that; yet, even that concept is incomplete! The Bible teaches that more than a servant of God, **you are a son of the living God!!!!** We observe this plainly in Gal 4:4-8, "But when the fulness of the time was come, **God sent forth his Son**, made of a woman, made under the law, 5 To redeem them that were under the law, **that we might receive the adoption of sons.** 6 And **because ye are sons**, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his



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Son into your hearts (*Jesus' actual spirit dwells in us*), crying, Abba, Father (*my personal Daddy*). **7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son;** and **if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.** 8 Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods." Notice from the last verse; who did we serve by nature before we knew God? The Bible answer is that in the past we served satan the devil! The bible calls him the "god of this world;" yet, this verse tells us that satan was among "them which by nature are no gods!" The Word clearly places satan in the "no gods" category! We know that satan is an angel therefore we are not a little lower than the angels; we are a little lower than God (*Elohim*), and we are higher (*by family rank and authority*) yet, lower in physical power than the angels! The specific verse that teaches that angels comprise a lower family rank than humans is, "But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? 14 **Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation**" (Heb 1:13-14). This verse teaches that the angels are actually here on the earth to be the servants of humanity, "For unto which of the angels said he at any time, **Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee?** And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?" (Heb 1:5). Angels were never begotten by God to be His children.

Isn't it true that the owner of a business works more diligently than a hired employee? Absolutely, "But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth" (John 10:12)! It is more honorable to present to God those things that we own than those things of which we are merely stewards! You've got to stop thinking like a servant; you must begin to think of yourself as a son! Obviously, you must continue your stewardship but as a son of God!

Jesus was a man born of a woman and He operated on this earth as a man. However, Jesus took full authority over all physical circumstances and He also operated on this earth like a God! He inspired the Apostles to do the same thing. With merely one word, Peter walked on the water, "And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. 29 And he said, **Come.** And when Peter was come down out of the ship, **he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.**" (Matt 14:28-29). What we observe happening in that verse is a son of God stepping out on faith with only a word from the Lord. When he did this the very laws of nature took note and he eclipsed the physical laws governing water. Think about that. Peter's faith is what kept him above water.

We are told in Gal 4:6 exactly how we are to address God, "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts crying, Abba, Father." So we are to call God our, "Father." Notice how Jesus addressed God. Notice further how he was treated as a result, "But Jesus answered them, **My Father** worketh hitherto, and I work. 18 Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, **but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.**" According that very scripture whenever someone calls God "Father," they are "**making himself (themselves) equal with God**" (John 5:17-18). You better realize that Paul taught the very same style of addressing the Father that got Jesus crucified!



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Now let's analyze with the help of Jesus, a very interesting and informative passage from the book of Psalms, Ps 82:1 "God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the *gods*." Who is the psalmist making reference to when he uses the term *gods*? You're probably ahead of me, the writer uses the term "*elohim*." Who are these little "g" gods? Let us allow the context to supply the answer, "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." (Ps 82:6-7). Are you starting to get the concept? We are children of the Most High God! Now understand, we can never be **the Most High God**; He is the Most High God, but we are the children and heirs of the Most High God; we are the little "g" gods!

On several occasions, the Pharisees were vigorously motivated to stone Jesus! What was their excuse, "Then the **Jews took up stones again** to stone him. (*this was obviously not the first time they tried to stone him. Jesus was not afraid of the truth! He embraced the scripture and stood His ground that he was the Son of God!*) 32 Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? 33 The Jews answered him, saying, **For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy**; and because that **thou, being a man, makest thyself God.**" They accused Jesus of blasphemy! Jesus used the word of God as His final authority so too should we. I can predict that in the future, people will hate us for claiming to be sons of God! Yet we must stand on the word of God as Jesus did, "Jesus answered them, **Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?** (*how much more plain can Jesus make it*) 35 If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken; 36 Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God? 37 **If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. 38 But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works:** (*notice that here we see the Son of God performing supernatural works in order that the people might believe*) that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him. 39 Therefore they sought again to take him: but he escaped out of their hand" (John 10:31-39). Jesus claimed without any equivocation that he was a son of God and that the Father was in Him! Doesn't the Father live in you, "That they all may be one; as thou, **Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us:** that the world may believe that thou hast sent me" (John 17:21)?

The "spirit of religion" has taught us that we are something less than sons of the Living God! However, that spirit does not square with the Bible:

- – We are not unworthy of being sons of God as "religion" would teach us;
- – We are not just sinners saved by grace as we have been taught;
- – We are not mere men; rather, we are the very sons of God.

We cannot allow these and other false statements about us to take root. We have been cleansed, purchased and adopted by Jesus' blood! When we agree with those stupid teachings, we are actually getting closer to "blasphemy!" The reason is that when we agree with such trash we are in defiance of scripture! It is practically the same as testifying that the blood of Jesus was unable to do what the scripture tells us it has already done for us! Paul clearly expresses power of Jesus' blood, "Giving thanks unto the Father,



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which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: **Who is the image of the invisible God**, the firstborn of every creature” (Col 1:12-15).

It is time that we start operating like the sons of God! I am a son of God! I represent my Father! I serve in the capacity of a son and I steward this earth for my Daddy! If we are believers then we must realize that we are a little “g” gods!” “Thou hast made him a little lower!” We will remember the peculiar verse in Psalms, “God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the *gods*” (Ps 82:1). The New Testament follows right in line, “For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God” (1 Peter 4:17). The church is “the congregation of the mighty;” the little “g” gods!

We engage in **spiritual** warfare while on this earth, “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, **against spiritual wickedness in high places**” (Eph 6:12). The normal every day Christian is to get involved in spiritual duties such as: healing the sick; casting out demons etc., “And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover” (Mark 16:17-18). The Father sends spiritual warriors into spiritual battles.

After we master those duties, God will give us even greater responsibilities, “And **I have put my words in thy mouth**, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, **that I may plant the heavens**, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people” (Isa 51:16). God plans to seed (*populate*) the very heavens with us!

We have had in the past the tendency to operate in a post-kingdom mentality. You know what I mean, “After the kingdom is set up we will fill the earth with the knowledge of God;” and “After the kingdom is set-up we will _____ ” you fill in the blanks. In God’s economy, we must believe first and then we shall see. In order for you to have those powers “in the kingdom,” you need to believe and operate in them now!

Once you realize who you are in Christ then you will not put up with the old false religious teachings and you will start acting like a son of the Living God:

- – we will speak to your spiritual mountains and they will obey;
- – we will lay hands on the sick and they will be made well;
- – we cast out demons and they will obey;
- – if need be, we will eclipse nature and walk on the very water.

Should we act like these concepts do not even exist? No, we need to start acting like what our Father wants us to be! We have been so intimidated by satan who has influenced the Christian “religion” that we have allowed it to hinder us regarding an understanding of our true identity! We have been operating within an “Identity Crisis!” We are not just mere men. When you and I start acting like who we really are the Devil will definitely show-up; however, just like our Lord commanded, we will use our spiritual amour and issue the



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simple command, “Get the behind me satan” **and he will obey!** For, “greater is **he that is in you**, than he that is in the world” (1 John 4:4).

Are you going to walk out of here tonight with the same expectations you had when you came in? Have you given consideration to how you will begin to respond; knowing that you are a very son of the Living God? Gird up your loins!

What are you going to act like in the future? Will you express fear? Will you experience desperate need in your life? Will you remain sick believing that God wants you that way? How will you act differently knowing that you are an actual son of the Living God? You need to get a grip on the following:

- – you are not supposed to be impoverished and under a burden of debt;
- – you are not supposed to be depressed or confused;
- – you are not supposed to be the tail, rather the head, above and not beneath;
- – you are not supposed to borrow; rather you will lend to nations;
- – you are not supposed to be sick; rather abounding in health!

Once you really understand just who you are and what authority you wield in the name of Jesus, your sick days are forever gone! Your days without prosperity will begin to vanish! When we begin to speak and proclaim all of these things which belong to the sons of God, then we will marshal the very power of the angels who will begin to serve and minister to their new masters in a new and powerful way, “**Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister** (Greek word “*diakonia*” (*dee-ak-on-ee'-ah*); *attendance (as a servant, etc.)*); *figuratively (eleemosynary) aid, (official) service*) **for them who shall be heirs of salvation**” (Heb 1:14). The angels are your servants!

You must get the concept! You are in the process of taking up the authority that you have as a Son of God, “For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, **but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.**” Jesus gave this instruction with the full knowledge that His disciples would in fact perform as He commanded. The point is that Jesus expects us to act like little “g” gods as we go out and command the spiritual world in His name!

You are a child who can ask God to command the angels to serve your very needs, “Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?” (Matt 26:53). If we will simply quote the word of God during our time of need and ask of the Father **believing**, then the spiritual world must obey and you shall receive, “Bless the LORD, **ye his angels**, that excel in strength, **that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.** (*Our angels are to hearken to our voice when we speak God’s word in Jesus’ name*). Bless ye the LORD, all **ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure**” (Ps 103:20-21). It is the pleasure of God that we glorify Him when we receive our answers to prayer, “And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that **the Father may be glorified in the Son**” (John 14:13).

You are the righteousness of God! But, to receive this glorious knowledge you must release the spirit of faith, “If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which



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is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done. And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." (Matt 21:21-22)!

Please repeat after me, **"I am a son of the Living God!"** You should not find it difficult to speak that out! Proclaim it and receive it. Do you know who you are? Do you know your pedigree? Jesus Christ has made you the righteousness of God, "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; **that we might be made the righteousness of God in him**" (2 Cor 5:21). God has revealed this precious understanding to us!

Why did God make mankind, **"And God said (notice who said this), Let us make man in our image**, after our likeness: *(we were made to resemble God and to function like God on this planet. Earth is our place of testing our training ground!)* and **let them have dominion** *(We were made to have rulership!)* over the fish of the sea . . . So God created man in **his own image**, in the **image of God created he him**; male and female created he them." (Gen 1:26-28). God wanted to have a family and children; you and I are the outcome of His awesome desires!

I am a spirit being come from God who lives in this physical body. I am made out of the same substance as He who made me. This body is just like a suit of clothes. It is not permanent; rather, it is temporary! My physical suit resembles the image of my Father, **"Let us make man in our image, after our likeness** *(What is our likeness? The angels asked this exact question one time and it is recorded in Ps 8:4 "What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels (Elohim), and hast crowned him with glory and honour." The angels wondered who we humans were!)*"

God poured Himself out and into us! We are a different vessel than He; nevertheless, we are sons of the living God! The same sap that is in the vine sustains the branches, "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing" (John 15:5). Our inheritance allows us to serve God through Jesus Christ!

Our first step in the faith process was to make a confession of faith, "That if thou shalt **confess with thy mouth** the Lord Jesus, and shalt **believe in thine heart** that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Rom 10:9). Okay, we have been saved, now it is time for us to take up arms and fight the battle, "I have **fought a good fight**, I have finished my course, **I have kept the faith**: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: **and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing**" (2 Tim 4:7-8). We need to confess with our mouths, "I am a son of the Living God!" Then, we need to believe it in our hearts.

Before recognizing my authority in Jesus, when I was "out of my mind" and experiencing a true "Identity Crisis," I thought I was supposed to be broke. I thought that I was supposed to battle with the sinful drives in my flesh! I thought that I was merely a sinner! But I have drawn close to my Savior. He told me that the "Identity Crisis" is part of satan's great lie! He reminded me of just who I am! I know from whom I come. My



Identity Crisis

Knowing who we are!

Father owns “the cattle upon a thousand hills” (Ps 50:10)!
And, I have good news; you are my brother in Christ!

Your Father owns the cattle on a thousand hills! **Are you receiving the faith seeds that I am speaking to you?** You and I are in the process of taking up the authority of the very sons of God! **Do not let the devil get a hold of that powerful image in your mind and steal away your seed! You are a son of the Living God!** All you need to do is realize who you are. The Most High God created you! Repeat after me, “I am a son of the Living God! That is my present condition and my destiny!”

Claiming to be like God is not heresy! We read, “But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. 10 For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, **in bringing many sons unto glory**, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. 11 **For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one:** for which cause **he is not ashamed to call them brethren**, 12 Saying, **I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.** 13 And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, **Behold I and the children which God hath given me.** 14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15 **And deliver them** who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. 16 For verily **he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.** 17 Wherefore in all things **it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren**, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people” (Heb 2:9-18).

Let’s believe with the Apostle John, “Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that **we should be called the sons of God:** therefore **the world knoweth us not**, because it knew him not. 2 Beloved, **now are we the sons of God**, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. 3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure” (1 John 3:1-3).

I know you have observed the proud parents of a child who just started walking? Next time that you see parents in that wonderful setting, think of God who carefully watches us operating/functioning on this earth in the authority of His son Jesus. In moments like that He tells our Lord, “That is my son; isn’t he so cute? He just started believing in My miracle power through Your Name!” John shows us this concept “And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, **that the Father may be glorified in the Son**” (John 14:13).

Once you recognize and claim just who you are, you will never again suffer from an “Identity Crisis!”

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