



# **identity theft**



- How can I discover who I really am and solve my identity crisis?
- Who do we believe? We need to ask ourselves: who are we allowing to be the authoritative voice?

- Satan (who only lies to us)?
- Other people (who could be confused or ignorant of the truth or just plain messed-up themselves)?
- Or God (who is the truth)?

- **Psalm 139:14 -16** I praise you because you made me in an amazing and wonderful way. What you have done is wonderful. I know this very well. 15 You saw my bones being formed as I took shape in my mother's body. When I was put together there, 16 you saw my body as it was formed. All the days planned for me were written in your book before I was one day old. NCV
- **Romans 5:8** But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- Zig Ziglar observes that “the greatest single cause of a poor self-image is the absence of unconditional love.”
- **Romans 8:38-39** Yes, I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor ruling spirits, nothing now, nothing in the future, no powers, 39 nothing above us, nothing below us, nor anything else in the whole world will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. NCV

# IDENTITY

**“What has God done to show me my identity?”**

**“What has God done to make known to me who I am?”**

# God Formed Us

**Genesis 1:27** So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

**Psalms 119:73** You made me and formed me with your hands. Give me understanding so I can learn your commands. NCV

**Jeremiah 1:5** "Before I made you in your mother's womb, I chose you. Before you were born, I set you apart for a special work. I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." NCV

**Job 31:15** Did not he who made me in the womb make them? Did not the same one form us both within our mothers? NIV

- Gender established at Conception!
- First few weeks:
  - Face Forms (mouth, lower jaw, throat)
  - Blood Cells take shape and circulation begins
  - Heart tube (beats at about 65 beats a minute)
  - Nerve Cells form – 3 weeks
  - Fingerprints – 10 weeks
- God didn't ask your opinion when He began forming you. You are created exactly as He made you to be.
- Why all the Confusion????

## WE KNOW BETTER!!!

- “Woe to him who strives with Him who formed him, a pot among earthen pots? Does the clay say to Him who forms it, ‘What are you making?’ or ‘Your work has no handles’? Isaiah 45:9 ESV
- “What sorrow awaits those who argue with their Creator. Does a clay pot argue with its maker? Does the clay dispute with the one who shapes it, saying, ‘Stop, you’re doing it wrong!’ Does the pot exclaim, ‘How clumsy can you be?’” Isaiah 45:9 NLT
- “This is what the LORD says-the Holy One of Israel and your creator: ‘Do you question what I do for my children? Do you give me orders about the work of my hands?’” Isaiah 45:11 NLT



## **REDEMPTION**

- **1 Corinthians 6:19-20** You should know that your body is a temple for the Holy Spirit who is in you. You have received the Holy Spirit from God. So you do not belong to yourselves, 20 because you were bought by God for a price. So honor God with your bodies. NCV
- “Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. And they sang a new song: ‘You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.’  
**Revelation 5: 6,9**

God choose to pay the ransom  
that sin held over me – a blood ransom  
offered in the death, burial and  
resurrection of Jesus Christ.



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**REDEMPTION**

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God Shape Us



- “Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.” Jeremiah 18:6
- “Be patient, God isn’t finished with me yet.”

“So you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have been made like him. There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male or female. For you are all Christians—you are one in Christ Jesus. And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and now all the promises God gave to him belong to you.” **Galatians 3: 26-29** (NLT)

