



ORIGINAL IDENTITY.

John 1:6-14; 1John 3:1-3



6-8. There once was a man, his name John, sent by God to point out the way to the Life-Light. He came to show everyone where to look, who to believe in. John was not himself the Light; he was there to show the way to the Light.

9-13. The Life-Light was the real thing: Every person entering Life he brings into Light. He was in the world, the world was there through him, and yet the world didn't even notice.

He came to his own people, but they didn't want him. But whoever did want him, who believed he was who he claimed and would do what he said, He made to be their true selves, their child-of-God selves. These are the God-begotten, not blood-begotten, not flesh-begotten, not sex-begotten.

14. The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood. We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory, like Father, like Son, Generous inside and out, true from start to finish (The Message).



Many of us in this globe have and will still spend untold/unexplainable years ahead searching and pursuing after what we feel strongly is who we supposedly are, and wandering what values we possess.

- ❖ *We don't get to make up who we are (no matter how much and how long we pretend). What is an identity crisis?*
- ❖ *An identity crisis is defined as a period of uncertainty or confusion in a person's life. This crisis occurs when a person's sense of identity becomes insecure and unstable (Miles, M., 2022).*

John 1:6-7. John's Identity..., was Born to be and bear witness of the Light in the world.

John 1: 9. Jesus's Identity..., the True Light that lights everyone in this world.

John 1: 10-13 Man's Identity..., Becomes a question of choice, Why?



Micah 6:8. He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, and to love kindness and mercy, and to humble yourself and walk humbly with your God?

Deut. 30:15-20. See, I have set before you this day life and good, and death and evil..., 19 I call heaven and earth to witness this day against you that I have set before you life and death, the blessings and the curses; therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live

Joshua 24:15. And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.



❖ *We don't get to choose what family we are born into either*

Eph. 2:19-20. Therefore you are no longer outsiders (exiles, migrants, and aliens, excluded from the rights of citizens), but you now share citizenship with the saints (God's own people, consecrated and set apart for Himself); and you belong to God's [own] household.

20 You are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself the chief Cornerstone.

Romans 8:16-17. The Spirit Himself [thus] testifies together with our own spirit, [assuring us] that we are children of God. 17 And if we are [His] children, then we are [His] heirs also: heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ [sharing His inheritance with Him]; only we must share His suffering if we are to share His glory.



❖ **We don't get to work up (Strive) to achieving God's standard for becoming His OWN.**

❖ **Dictionary word meaning of OWN means to Possess.**

Man works hard to possess what he or she owns or possesses today but will never in/with this human flesh, characterized with mortality, work to earn or acquire an identity of being God's possession neither His own. "God is the one that gives us a name and our identity in Christ."

Eph 2:8-97-10 Now God has us where he wants us, with all the time in this world and the next to shower grace and kindness upon us in Christ Jesus. Saving is all his idea, and all his work. All we do is trust him enough to let him do it. It's God's gift from start to finish! We don't play the major role. If we did, we'd probably go around bragging that we'd done the whole thing! No, we neither make nor save ourselves. God does both the making and saving. He creates each of us by Christ Jesus to join him in the work he does, the good work he has gotten ready for us to do, work we had better be doing (the message).



3 characteristics of anything, anyone, and any element that is His OWN:

- ❖ That character (persona, nature, figure, symbol etc.,) is Ordained. **Jeremiah 1:5**
- ❖ This personality or individual is with and in all due respect is counted Worthy. **2 Thess. 1:11**
- ❖ That character, or quality must have a divinely distinguished (Chosen) Name. **Rev. 2:17**

Isaiah 56:5. To them I will give in My house and within My walls a memorial and a name better [and more enduring] than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that will not be cut off.



❖ *His OWN Cont....,*

Isaiah 62:2-3. And the nations shall see your righteousness and vindication [your rightness and justice—not your own, but His ascribed to you], and all kings shall behold your salvation and glory; and you shall be called by a new name which the mouth of the Lord shall name. 3 You shall also be [so beautiful and prosperous as to be thought of as] a crown of glory and honor in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem [exceedingly beautiful] in the hand of your God (AMPC [bible]).

❖ **In Summary, the above statement portrays what God's Original Identity is for us.**

1 John 3:1-3. See what [[a]an incredible] quality of love the Father has given (shown, bestowed on) us, that we should [be permitted to] be named and called and counted the children of God! And so we are! The reason that the world does not know (recognize, acknowledge) us is that it does not know (recognize, acknowledge) Him.

2 Beloved, we are [even here and] now God's children; it is not yet disclosed (made clear) what we shall be [hereafter], but we know that when He comes and is manifested, we shall [[b]as God's children] resemble and be like Him, for we shall see Him [c]just as He [really] is.

3 And everyone who has this hope [resting] on Him cleanses (purifies) himself just as He is pure (chaste, undefiled, guiltless).