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Excerpt from Breaking the Cycle

“Thousands of years after the first Adam lost his sense of identity in the Garden of Eden and surrendered to the “lie of Lack,” Jesus, who the Bible describes as the second Adam, faced the identical struggle. The first Adam lost all that man had been given by God. Jesus, called the second Adam came to recover all that we lost and give us more than we had ever known.”

“In Matthew chapter four Jesus encountered the first major battle that stood between Him and His destiny. He, like us, had to resolve the issue of identity before He could move on to fulfill God’s plan for His life. This is the initial struggle that defines our destiny. The outcome of this one battle will either launch us into lack and the raging cycle of destruction or will set us on the course of faith and fulfillment.”

“The sense of identity is the very foundation upon which all our hopes and dreams lie. We will only live our destiny to the degree that we live in an abiding sense of who we are in Jesus.”

Brenda Shoshanna

“Unless we base our sense of identity upon the truth of who we are, it is impossible to attain true happiness.”

Identity Challenged

Matthew 4: 3-11

Our Identity Changed

Galatians 2:20

Changed through crucifixion

“I am Crucified with Christ”

The crucifixion of Christ does not change us unless we accept that we are crucified with him.

What does it mean to be crucified with Christ?

I am Crucified with Christ

“συνεσταύρωμαι συσταυρόω

Systauroō

As opposed to σταυρωθῆναι σταυρόω

stauroō

When Christ was crucified, it was as if we were crucified with Him. The penalty was fully paid—just as surely as if we had been crucified for our own sins. When Christ rose from the dead, we rose, too. Now the risen Christ empowers us to live for Him in a way that pleases God. We used to seek life through our own works, but now we “live by faith in the Son of God” (Galatians 2:20).

“Nevertheless I Live”



“Yet Not I, But Christ **liveth** in me”

- The dead man is the old man. He’s walking because a new man is living in Him.
- We go through repetitious cycles because we have not understood the death of the old man and the life of the new.

Christ in me OR Christ **Liveth** in Me

- to live, breathe, be among the living (not lifeless, not dead)
- to enjoy real life
- to have true life and worthy of the name
- active, blessed, endless in the kingdom of God
- living water, having vital power in itself and exerting the same upon the soul
- to be fresh, strong, efficient,
- as adj. active, powerful, efficacious

Romans 6: 6-9

6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.

8 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:

9 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.

Romans 6: 10-11

10 For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Identity Confronted

Satan does not want you to believe in the reality of who you are in Christ. If you believe it, you will act on it and he ultimately loses power over you.

He wants you to recite what you do as if that is who you are. Christ wants you to recite who you are until it becomes what you do.

I declare and decree

I am called in Christ (Rom. 1:6).

I have redemption in Christ (Rom. 3:24).

I reign in life by Christ (Rom. 5:17).

I am alive unto God through Christ (Rom. 6:11).

I have eternal life through Christ (Rom. 6:23).

I am a joint heir with Christ (Rom. 8:17).

I am sanctified in Christ (1 Cor. 1:2).

I declare and decree

I have victory through Christ (1 Cor. 15:57).

I triumph in Christ (2 Cor. 2:14).

I am a new creature in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17).

I am the righteousness of God in Christ (2 Cor. 5:21).

I have liberty in Christ (Gal. 2:4).

I am crucified with Christ (Gal. 2:20).

I have put on Christ (Gal. 3:27).

I am an heir of God through Christ (Gal. 4:7).

I have been blessed with spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ (Eph. 1:3).