

What is Your Identity?

Over many years of working a career and retirement, I have noticed that people identify themselves by what they do. They are an attorney, lawyer, teacher, professor, doctor, police officer, or author. The list seems endless. Some identify themselves by their ethnicity, religion, or another gender. Rarely do I hear someone say they identify with Jesus. Philip, a disciple of Jesus, asked him to show them the Father. Jesus replied, "Philip, have I been with you these years and you do not know me?" Then Jesus said, "He who has seen me has seen the Father." (John 14:8-9, NKJV). When we are born again, we are an incarnation of God. He lives in our body alongside our spirit (2 Corinthians 5:19, John 14:23, 17:23). Some people can see Jesus in us because he imparts his nature to them (2 Peter 1:4). Believers have Jesus' nature because they are God's children. However, when a person is not born again, they have the exact nature of Adam, which is Satan's sin nature (Romans 5:12). The nature of Jesus is not in them. It is impossible to identify with Jesus when he does not live in you through the Holy Spirit (John 3:3). In our identity with Jesus, we become one with him, reading bible scriptures, praying, and spending time with him (1 Corinthians 6:17, John 14:23-24). Consider the careers listed above. Without teaching, testing, and practice, we cannot become one with the body of knowledge related to our career. Whether engaged in a career or retired, it is best to identify with Jesus, then you shall have the best life (2 Peter 1:3-3). Shalom!!

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