

## Finding Identity

Matthew 10:39 cev. If you try to save your life, you will lose it. But if you give it up for me, you will surely find it.

Matthew 10:39 msg. If your first concern is to look after yourself, you'll never find yourself. But if you forget about yourself and look to me, you'll find both yourself and me.

I have said this many times before in conversations and today I say it again.... The 3 most important questions a Christian asks in his/her life is:

- Does God love me?
- Am I forgiven?
- Who am I?

The first two questions the Bible easily answers for us:

- Yes God loves us – so much that He made His Son die on the cross to resurrect us into eternal life with Him.
- Yes the Word clearly states that He (Jesus) takes the Christians sin upon Himself, so the moment you are saved you are sinless and forgiven and holy and righteous in God's eyes – not because of what you have done or could ever do, but because of what Jesus did.

The third question – who am I? – is the one we sometimes try to figure out for years with no answer, because we look in the wrong place – we look in the mirror, we look in other people's opinions of us, we look to our parents, we look to our friends, we look to our work, we look to our financial status, we look to our education, we look to our talents, we look to our gifting, we look to our calling and the anointing on our lives (I can see some people cringe right now....) to try and find identity... and we never find it.....

Why?

Because the Bible clearly states that if you look to HIM, you will find your identity...

It's not that difficult, but we make it sometimes. The more you seek Jesus, the more you will automatically find out who you really are... The more you try to find out who you are on your own, the more confused you will get... Not a "religious idea", just a simple Kingdom principle... So let us look away from our own frailties and failures and talents and achievements and look to Him to love and know Him and in the process find our true identity...

Love in Christ

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