

Identity Theft

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John 17:20 And I do not pray for these alone, but for those also who shall believe on Me through their word,

17:21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be one in Us, so that the world may believe that You have sent Me.

17:22 And I have given them the glory which You have given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one,

17:23 I in them, and You in Me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that You have sent Me and have loved them as You have loved Me.

Identity theft has become a big business. We are advised to protect ourselves from these folks who like to steal our Social Security card numbers and set up new fake lives on which they can charge lots of things on credit cards. Eventually this can come back and haunt us, wreaking havoc on our credit.

There, however, is One who encourages identity thievery. Jesus Christ would encourage us to steal His identity. He has no investment in the world (but a major investment in us). If we all walked in the likeness of Him, He wouldn't mind. In fact, it wouldn't really be stealing His identity since He is more than happy to give it to us.

Eph 4:22 Put off your old nature which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful lusts,

Eph 4:23 and be renewed in the spirit of your minds,

Eph 4:24 and put on the new nature, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

He offers us a chance to walk like Him and talk like Him. He would love for people to mistake us for Him. What would the world be like if we all walked, talked and lived like Jesus? He promised us that He dwells within us and we dwell within Him. If that is so, then we must all have the potential to be like Him. Isn't that a wonderful thought?

How about this for a headline on the front page of our newspapers:

Identity Theft of Jesus Christ is Encouraged

St. Paul, Minnesota. Jesus Christ encourages theft of His identity, according to a well-known ancient document. What are the ramifications of this to our society? What will it lead to?

Nevertheless the foundation of God stands sure, having this seal: "The Lord knew those who are his." And "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity." 2 Timothy 2:19 [MKJV]

You may be asking yourself, "How can I be more like Jesus?" First, read up on Him in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John in the Bible and be aware that every book in the Old Testament refers, in some way, to His coming to save us. In order for Him to accomplish this, we must humble ourselves and realize

Jesus' trip to the cross was for each of us. There, on that cross, He died, exchanging His pure life for our sinful ones.



This exchange was accepted by God. Now it must be accepted by you. When you humbly pray for Him to be your Savior, and invite Him to come into your heart and your life, He will respond so that you will know He is with you.

Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly beloved children. Ephesians 5:1 [NIV]

"Welcome Home," He would probably say. "I've been waiting for you. Will you follow My commands to love the unlovable, do good to those who persecute you and pray for those who are mean-spirited? Will you forgive people their trespasses, so that My Father can forgive you yours? If you will, you can truly claim My identity

and, by your behavior, you will be inviting more people to take on My identity.



"Please allow Me into your heart. I will dwell there, with you, comforting you, sustaining you, filling your heart with My and My Father's love (which is far more than you can obtain for yourself). Take on my identity and I will guide your every step and prepare the way for you to enter My kingdom. Though you will still bear some pain for me, I will see that you are made pure in your heart as you turn to Me both day and night and allow Me to deliver you from this world.

You may ask me for anything in my name and I will do it. John 4:14 [NIV]

"Come unto Me, now, and let Me comfort you. I love you very much!"



There is no one like the Lord, who has laid down his life and offers himself to enter into a covenant with us. In that covenant, he more than allows us to take on his identity, his very character and nature, but he goes one step further, he actually exchanges identity in that he takes on our sinful character and nature, removing it from us forever, and he remembers our sins no more. If you have never entered into this amazing relationship whereby you can have the identity of Jesus Christ, or if you have entered into that covenant with him, yet not understood the value of it and grieved the Holy Spirit by not walking in the character and nature of Christ, please join in this prayer. "Oh, Father God, I thank you for the covenant of Jesus Christ, that allows me to be free from my wicked past and sinful self. Please forgive me and let me have the name and even the very character and nature—the entire identity of Jesus Christ. Amen



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Thank you, and God bless you.
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