

Our Identity: From the World or From the Word?

John 1:1, 14 KJV In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

[14] And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only Begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

In these verses we hear God saying that the Word of God is God. I believe that John is saying that the Son of God, which is the Christ, was in the beginning. God spoke through the prophets about the Christ in the Old Testament. When Christ came, He was fulfilling all that God had spoken about Him. He truly was the Word made flesh.

Now let's take a glimpse of what Jesus was doing as a young boy...

Luke 2:42-43,46-48 KJV And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. [43] And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and His mother knew not of it. [46] And it came to pass, that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. [47] And all that heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. [48] And when they saw Him, they were amazed: and His mother said unto Him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, Thy father and I have sought Thee sorrowing [49] And He said unto them, How is it that ye sought Me? wist ye not that I must be about My Father's business?

At 12 years old, Jesus was studying the Old Testament and learning about Himself as the Messiah. He had already learned enough at 12 years to get His identity from the Word and not the world.

You might say how does this apply to me? Well let's look at some Scriptures that will show that you are the Word made flesh as well.

1 Peter [1:23](#) KJV Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

In this Scripture, we see that we are born again by the seed of God's Word.

John 3:3-4, 6-8 KJV Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God. [4] Nicodemus saith unto Him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? [6] That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. [7] Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. [8] The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

God wants us to be like Jesus. He wants us to go to the New Testament and find ourselves in the Word; He wants us to get our identity from the Word and not from the world. Then He wants us to act upon what He says we are to do. When we do this, the Holy Ghost will come on us to accomplish what the Word says about us.

Example scriptures...

Mark 16:17-18,20 KJV And these signs shall follow them that believe; In My Name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; [18] They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. [20] And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the Word with

signs following. Amen.

1 John 4:7 KJV Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

1 John 5:1 KJV Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth Him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of Him.

Ephesians 4:1-3 NCV I am in prison because I belong to the Lord. Therefore I urge you who have been chosen by God to live up to the life to which God called you. [2] Always be humble, gentle, and patient, accepting each other in love. [3] You are joined together with peace through the Spirit, so make every effort to continue together in this way.

Now these are just a few New Testament action Scriptures that we are to do. Remember that when you do the Word with the power of the Holy Ghost, your life is becoming the Word made flesh; and your identity is coming from the Word and not from the world.

Love you,
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