

WHAT HINDERS HEALING
PART 7
IDENTIFYING WITH YOUR
SICKNESS

1) **What does “Identity” mean?**

Our identity is the condition of sameness, or oneness.

The word “Identify” means “to make identical”, to connect, associate, or be involved closely with someone or something.

In this natural world, you have to have “identification” to be able to do much of anything. It takes a birth certificate, drivers license, passport, or other form of what we call “identification” to attend school, be a citizen, vote, write a check from your bank, or operate a vehicle, or do business.

If a police officer pulls you over and asks for some “identification” you don’t just say, “here I am, no, you show him your drivers license and insurance information. This “identification” tells the officer, who you are.

2) **What do you identify with?**

The truth about identity is it relates WHO WE ARE. Most people identify themselves with WHAT THEY DO, i.e. their profession (I’m a network executive) or they identify with a problem(I’m an alcoholic) or they relate themselves to a ROLE, OR CIRCUMSTANCE (I’m an only child)(I’m married).

The downfall with this mentality is that if they lose a job, or they get divorced, or whatever, they have an identity crisis. They feel worthless. That is contrary to the Word.

You are valuable because of who you are, not what you do. When I was fighting Scleroderma, I couldn’t work, I couldn’t even fold a load of towels I was in so much pain. Needless to say, I was caught in the performance trap. God gave me a huge revelation about identity.

I deal with people who have been diagnosed with diseases. When you live with chronic symptoms, or pain, it’s hard to not let that disease become a part of you. I can’t imagine have diabetes and having to test blood and buy prescriptions, and give myself shots every day, or Asthmatics who have to take inhalers all the time. You must, with all your might fight allowing that intruder become a part of you. It is not you and it does not have a right to even invade your body. Fight it like an enemy because it is.

I know this is a problem, because I talk to sick people and they know more about their sickness or disease, their symptoms or side effects than they do the Word, or The Lord.

When someone tells me what is going to happen next as their disease progresses, I know they are not in faith to be healed. Faith is NOW. Faith talks differently than that.

If we will truly look and see what God has done for us in Christ concerning our health and healing, this revelation will swallow up your old sick self.

We can't rise above our beliefs about who we are. It is therefore vital for us to know "who we are" and "what belongs to us" according to the Word of God. Your identification with Christ should be stronger than any other identity you have.

Your true identity is who the Father God created and intended you to be.

Romans 12:1-2:

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. (KJV)

Cassette analogy: To make audio cassette tapes, you use a duplicating machine; you use a master tape and then a blank one to copy onto. Whatever is on the master goes onto the copy. There is no such thing as a bad copy – only a bad master. Adam was like a bad master tape.

There is a law of identification. Who are you identical to?

Eph 5:1-2

1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children;

2 and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you, and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

(NAS)

When Adam sinned that defect transferred to all those who came after him as Adam and Eve began to reproduce. It doesn't seem fair that one man could hurt the human race so much but the same spiritual laws that allowed that also allowed one Man (Jesus) to correct it all.

Romans 5:17:

For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) (KJV)

Jesus, the last Adam, took sin, the curse, sickness, lack and death and crucified it for us.

II Corinthians 5:14:

For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: (KJV)

Christ rose from the dead as the incorruptible seed – first born among the dead – a new master cassette and from Him all copies will be like He is.

Now you are identified as “a new creature in Christ”!

II Corinthians 5:17:

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.
(KJV)

Romans 6:6

Our former evil identities have been exterminated, so to speak, our old rebel selves were exterminated and leave us no further role to perform as offenders. We were linked with the divine representative in death.

Richert Translation

When you see a child born with a disease or deformity, it is not God creating a child less than whole. This condition happened because of the devil and sin and a wrong decision made thousands of years ago.

Parents' decisions often affect the lives of their children. What if a family moved from England to America. Will that decision change the condition of that child? **YES!**

When we talk about “substitution,” how Christ took our place on the cross and suffered for us, we can relate. But we don't go far enough to relate or identify with Him after His victory in hell and His resurrection; alive, healthy, prosperous, peaceful, no pain, no suffering, with the Father in heavenly places.

Our identity doesn't begin with what we do. God said when making Adam that he was “good” before Adam had ever done anything. Let your self-image begin here – an identity that is in Christ. Your Christianity began with God doing something for you in Christ. He put Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Colossians 1:27:

To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:
(KJV)

3) **Revelation knowledge is how God changes your identity.**

Our revelation concerning our identity is that we are found “in Him.”

Philippians 3:9

And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: (KJV)

Find yourself in the Bible!

Colossians 2:3:

In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (KJV)

Colossians 2:9-10:

9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.
10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: (KJV)

We need to be identical.

The word “identical” comes from the word “identity.” It means “sameness.”

We see the word “same” and the subject of sameness over and over in the Word.

Romans 8:11:

And if the Spirit of God, who raised up Jesus from the dead, lives in you, he will make your dying bodies live again after you die, by means of this same Holy Spirit living within you. (TLB)

Think about two people who are twins.

The dictionary defines “twins” as:

- having identical characteristics with one another
- functioning as a compliment to one another

- a person or thing very closely resembling another

We are joined to Jesus.

I Corinthians 6:17:

But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. (KJV)

We are born of the same spirit.

We walk in the same righteousness.

We share the same victory.

We have the same anointing He had.

God gave us the very **LIFE** of Christ.

Galatians 2:20:

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. (KJV)