



Colossians 3:9-10

“Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices, and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him”



MY IDENTITY

NO MIDDLE GROUND

- The Bible has a tendency to keep things simple. There are no middle options when it comes to questions of righteousness or unrighteousness:
 - God either loves or hates (Isaiah 61:8, Amos 5:15)
 - He creates or destroys (Jeremiah 18:7ff)
 - Every choice has consequences (Matthew 7:13-14, Deuteronomy 30:19-20), and there is no such thing as “kind of saved.”

“That, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth”

EPHESIANS 4:22-24

YET, AM I NOT STILL A “SINNER”

- Christians often candidly call themselves sinners, perhaps because they believe it shows humility.
- Yet 2 Corinthians 5:17 calls me a new creature – the “old things have passed away.”
- Where is our confidence in the power of Christ? Where is the bold belief in our sainthood? Notice Ephesians 1:3-4.



OLD SELF VS. NEW SELF

OLD SELF

- Sexually immoral
- Idolatrous
- Enmity/strife/outbursts
- Dissensions
- Envy
- Drunkenness/carousing
- Bends the truth
- Misuses anger
- Naïve about sin
- Cheater/taker
- Tears people down
- Bitter/regrets
- Keeps track of wrongs

NEW SELF

- True Love
- Faithful
- Joy/peace/kindness
- Unity
- Contentment
- Meek/self-controlled
- Honest to the core
- Anger is a motivator
- Wise about avoiding evil
- Giver
- Builds others up
- Kind/thankful
- Remembers blessings

“The Old Man – crucified but still kicking, profits by our confusion regarding our identity. If we are still identifying ourselves with the old sinner we were – if we fail to grasp the depth of the new union we enjoy with Christ – we will be robbed of the empowerment God means us to have as beneficiaries of that union. Your identity makes all the difference in what kind of day you have, and what measure of spiritual victory you will enjoy today”

THE “OLD MAN”



**“YOU REALLY HAVEN’T
CHANGED MUCH”**



“BUT WASN’T IT FUN?”

**“YOU WILL NOT BE
HAPPY WITHOUT ME!”**



**“I GAVE YOU AN
EXCITING
PERSONALITY”**