

# WHO AM I? – The Identity Question

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Sermon Notes



Every family has its drama. Those moments where when one asks about your family. The best and most honest answer you can find is “Ahh ... It’s complicated.”

## **Then what happens when you are the complication?**

I was born as a result of an affair between an influential married man and a single woman. Due to the circumstances surrounding my birth, I was born a misfit. I wasn’t wanted. I reminded so many people of things they needed to forget and that was evident. I did not fit in with my father’s side of the family and due to the patriarchal nature of our culture; I did not belong to my mother’s side either.

## **So where exactly does a misfit belong?**

**Who I’m I?**

**Who I’m I when no one has acknowledged my right to this life?**

**Who I’m I when no one has given me the permission to exit?**

For many of us here, you are my mother: You are the one sleeping with a man that belongs to another woman. Some one here is my stepmother; the one who has given everything to this man and now you have been violated and the evidence is in your face. Your shame has a face that everyone can see. Some of you, you’re my father; you are the creator of the complication.

Some of us you are me, you are the complication. Whoever you in this picture; we all have one thing in common; **this complication has redefined our identity.** The way we see ourselves has totally been shaken due to this one complication.

## **The Identity Question.**

**The challenge with the problem like identity is that it cannot easily be defined.** See if you drink we can call you an alcoholic, if you use drugs then you are a drug addict but what do we call you if what is eating you up can’t be seen? How do we define a problem we can’t see? It’s like a cancer that is evidently eating you up but it cannot be found in your body.

## **How do we start to solve a problem that has no name? Not defined.**

**And many of us have mastered the art of camouflage;** On the outside, we look all right. We have the right faces for every context. You show up at church and you were your church face. At home, you were your father face, at work; you wear your CEO face? But when you are left alone with yourself. You wonder; who I’m I?

My turning point happened one time in my high school when we had a visiting preacher who was teaching about us being known before we were born. That someone out there had a plan for our existence and that plan included me. I went up for prayer and started reading more about the bible. Turns out in this book the emphasis was never my physical ability or lack thereof but my spiritual state and inheritance and how that ties into what God is doing in this life.

**This is what Gods story did for me. It redefined me.** It didn't matter that in earthly terms I was a misfit I could choose a new birth and if I chose that new birth I got a new name. And that new name was an eternal name that could not be taken away. I got a new identity. I became a child of a god. That's why it's called being born again.

It means that no matter what your earthly identity dictated upon you, the cheated-on wife, the never loved woman, the misfit child, the cheating husband etc. You could embrace and accept a new identity if you wanted it. You could be born again.

**And when you do. You are born – again.**

### **New Identity:**

Over time I have accepted the benefits of my new identity.

#### **1. I have a father who loves me:**

His love for me is not dictated by the order of birth I am or who gave me birth. He loves me fully. Nothing can separate me from that love that is mine through his son. It's a free love that's complete. Every one of us under this roof and the sound of my voice are loved the same. When he looks at us he sees sons.

***Behold what manner of love the father has given unto us that we should be called sons of God.***

***1 John 3:1.***

I am a child of God; I am a Son of God. I have been loved by an everlasting love and have been bought for a price.

There is no way someone can be willing to attach a price so high as that of blood, if the commodity they are attaching the price to is not worth it.

This ladies and gentlemen became my God story.

I am loved by a God and that defines me.

The reason why he desires that you feed yourself on the word is so that you can understand the love with which he has loved you. The more you know. Its through reading the word that you get a new mind, a new perception and appreciation of your new status.

#### **2. You are accepted and you belong.**

There is a place for you. You are not judged. **You are accepted. You are perfect the way you are.**

**For God doesn't show favoritism. We are all accepted the same.**

**Romans 2:11.**

You don't need to walk in here questioning yourself. What will they think of me? Will they love me? What happens if? All that doesn't matter. You are accepted completely and entirely. This is your father's house. You belong here. You must understand whose you are to understand who you are. Once you understand who you are then you can understand what you can do. That is why the work of Christ on the cross is phenomenal. It's your access.

**3. You have everything you need to be the best you can be.**

a. Why? it's because its hard wired in your system.

**There is a call on your life to be the best you can be and everything you need to fulfill that call is within.**

**God's divine power has given you everything you need for life and godliness.**

**2 Peter 1:3.**

The deposits, the capital you need to manifest are in you. Your gifts and talents are your deposits. The more you grow them the more you manifest and soon enough after working them you will be too difficult to ignore why? You are a finished work. I am not talking about your job. Your job is what puts food on the table. That's how you make a living. I am talking about your calling. Each one of us has been called.

**You don't acquire a calling, you are called.** You don't need a degree to be called, you don't need to be rich to be called, and you don't need status to be called. You are just "called". Now a degree may help you be more effective in your calling but it's not what defines or calling. It simply perfects what already exists. You have everything you need to be the best you can.

As I conclude: this ladies and gentlemen is my story. My resolve to the question of identity.

Now we are going to pray together: you may be here and for you;

1. You need to embrace a new identity. You need to redefine yourself to choose a new birth.
2. Or maybe you have chosen the new identity but you have not yet accepted the benefits that come with your new identity.