

IDENTITY
WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?
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1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Are we at risk of selling our birthright? [Genesis 25:29-34]

“Yes, but that doesn’t work anymore, that’s weak.” – Anonymous Christian

“When we get to the point where the teachings of Jesus Himself are seen as ‘weak’ to us, then we are in a crisis.” – Dr. Russell Moore

Identity is how we understand ourselves – and guides us in all aspects of life.

The drifting we see in our Christian communities is the result of living life absent of understanding who God says we are.

Many people (including Christians) have allowed themselves to be defined by other voices:

- Media
- Education
- Politics

Our identity is defined by who God says we are:

- In His image (Genesis 1:24-31)
- Who am I? (Jesus identity)
- Who are we? (Kingdom identity)

It’s the Holy Spirit and God’s Word that should be the predominant voice in a believer’s life.

- It’s the Holy Spirit that calls us to be like Jesus Christ
- It’s the Gospel that tells the world who they are supposed to be.
- It’s the Living Word of God that tells us who we can be.

God’s Word calls us all to a higher calling. [Philippians 2:10-14]

- In Romans 7, the Apostle Paul shows us how voices compete with each other. [Romans 7:15]
- In Romans 8, the Apostle Paul shows us that surrendering to God’s voice brings victory to our lives. [Romans 8:37-39]

Who has the predominant voice in your life?