

THE GOOD REPORT

MINISTERING TO THE LOST - STRENGTHENING THE WEAK -
ENCOURAGING THE STRONG

IDENTITY THEFT

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Blessings and thank you for reading The GOOD REPORT. Your support of The Mackinac Island Bible Church is so vital to the help us deliver the whole counsel of God's Word!

Statistics tell us that up to 60 million Americans have been affected by identity theft (2018). Those of us that have gone through this know firsthand how it feels and how hard it can be to make things right. It is definitely a violation of privacy and a breach to our personal security.

The enemy of our souls, Satan himself, is working overtime to deceive people into thinking that God has given us all the power and authority to tell Him what our identity truly is. This is a breach of our spiritual security! At the beginning of God's narrative in Genesis 1:26-27, He creates "man in Our image, after Our likeness..." Then God speaks another unmistakable statement: "...male and female He created them." The LORD then declares this again in Genesis 5:2, just to make it clear. Today we hear people say, "I identify as _____." It is clear the Devil has stolen the God-given identity of many, many people because we have believed his lies about our identity. Even Churches are aligning and endorsing these mentalities in communities around us all.

We have all been affected in our families, friendships and culture by those who do not know who God created them to be. People are hurting and we as followers of Jesus are to love, respect and help those who are questioning who they really are. Yet, Love (God Himself) always tells the Truth, but never endorses, nor desires us to embrace an identity contrary to what He has created! A choice? Yes, but we cannot question God's ultimate authority for us. God does not make mistakes - He is not confused & very clear. Is God Sovereign in the affairs of men? For sure. Do you know who God has created you to be? He has created you in His image and likeness. He has created male and female - just those two. Love in God's ordained way is beautiful and blessed by Him. And, our personal identity began with Him and by Him alone!



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GRACE & TRUTH

THIS IS HOW WE LIVE IN OUR IDENTITY!

Grace is an unmerited favor-gift from God! But, it is not a license to do what we desire or feel like doing. Neither is it an excessive liberty that God gives His people - a sort of "free pass" for what God has called sin or unbelief. Romans 6 says, "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?" Grace is not our leeway or our free-pass or mulligan. Grace is our enabling power to stand in righteousness when we have believed and walked in obedience to Him. Galatians 5 and 6 tell us that "grace abounds" where sin is! Grace gives us the unction, strength, enabling, ability and victory to live as God has created us to be. This is our identity! This is Grace and Truth!



*I will praise
Thee, for I am
fearfully and
wonderfully
made... Ps.139:14*

Calling All Harvesters!

SERVANTS, MISSIONARIES, & PARTNERS NEEDED!

A report is being released by Barna Research saying, "Almost half of practicing Christian Millennials say evangelism is wrong." Many of us could agree that we have been turned off by the way many evangelize, but this core Christian practice is being dubbed this way because it is viewed by many as "proselytization" because so many in society may take offense if we share our faith. Despite this trend, the Word of God is clear "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." (1 Cor. 1:21) We believe that the ministry of the gospel to those who have not heard is what every Christian is to do, whether it is comfortable or not. Despite this, we make an appeal to Christian harvesters, volunteers, helpers, missionaries, students, interns, prayer warriors, etc. We are still going to evangelize because the LORD tells us to spread His Gospel! Join us or tell others that we need laborers in this plentiful harvest. Contact us as soon as possible, the laborers are few!

