

SPIRITUAL AMNESIA

THE CURE

NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTRE - Pastor Albert



IDENTITY

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IN CHRIST

PRIMARY QUESTION ?

Do you know who you are?

PRIMARY TRUTH # 1

*The Christian Life is not one of IMITATION,
but one of IDENTIFICATION!*

PRIMARY STATEMENT?

The Christian Life is all about becoming who you already are in Jesus Christ!

PROVOKING STATEMENT?

Is it possible that many who come to Christ end up becoming something they are not - a Pharisee , a legalist !

PROVOKING STATEMENT?

Is it possible that there are many in the Body of Christ who suffer from identity theft or still, worst, unknowingly, are wearing a FAKE ID ?

THERE IS A DIFFERENCE!

▶ ***IMMITATE***

- ▶ ***TO FOLLOW AS A PATTERN , MODEL***
- ▶ ***MIMIC***
- ▶ ***ACT LIKE***
- ▶ ***COUNTERFEIT***
- ▶ ***TO APPEAR LIKE OR RESEMBLE***
- ▶ ***ETERNAL***
- ▶ ***COSMETIC***

▶ ***IDENTIFY***

- ▶ ***IN UNION WITH***
- ▶ ***FUSED***
- ▶ ***ONE***
- ▶ ***UNITY***
- ▶ ***STRONG LINKS***
- ▶ ***INTERNAL***
- ▶ ***EQUATE WITH***

IMITATE

*To regard oneself as TRYING TO BE LIKE -
the same characteristics or thinking as
someone else!*

IDENTIFICATION

To regard oneself as sharing the same characteristics or thinking as someone else!

To treat as being identical with - to make the same!

THE DIFFERENCE

▶ *Imitation comes from the act of the soulish realm - the mind will and emotions*

▶ *Identification comes from the act of the spiritual heart - the centre of our being and existence.*

Matthew 15:8

The Passion Translation

These people honor
me only with their
words,
but their hearts are
so very distant from
me.

THERE IS A DIFFERENCE!

▶ IMMITATE SPEAKS TO:

- ▶ RULES AND REGULATIONS!***
- ▶ WHAT WE DO***
- ▶ BEHAVIOUR MODIFICATION***
- ▶ SOULISH***
- ▶ PERFORMANCE***

▶ IDENTITY SPEAKS TO:

- ▶ RELATIONSHIP!***
- ▶ WHO WE ARE***
- ▶ HEART TRANSFORMATION***
- ▶ SPIRITUAL***

THE PROBLEM/CAUSE?

One simply does not have a revelation (revealed knowledge that transforms) of what actually occurred (the process of transformation) the very moment when one comes by faith to Jesus as Saviour and Lord!

Galatians 2: 20

What actually took place is this: I tried keeping rules and working my head off to please God, and it didn't work. So I quit being a "law man" so that I could be God's man. Christ's life showed me how, and enabled me to do it.

Galatians 2: 20 MES

I identified myself completely with him. Indeed, I have been crucified with Christ. My ego is no longer central. It is no longer important that I appear righteous before you or have your good opinion, and I am no longer driven to impress God.

Galatians 2: 20

Christ lives in me. The life you see me living is not “mine,” but it is lived by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I am not going to go back on that.

Galatians 2: 20

Is it not clear to you that to go back to that old rule-keeping, peer-pleasing religion would be an abandonment of everything personal and free in my relationship with God?

Galatians 2: 20 PTB

“My old identity has been co-crucified with Messiah and no longer lives; for the nails of his cross crucified me with him. And now the essence of this new life is no longer mine, for the Anointed One lives his life through me—we live in union as one

Galatians 2: 20 TPT

*My new life is empowered
by the faith of the Son of
God who loves me so much
that he gave himself for me,
and dispenses his life into
mine!*

NEXT WEDNESDAY

FALSE IDENTIFICATION

FALSE ID