

# The Law of Identification

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The entire world, governments of men, the Kingdom of Heaven and the Kingdom of God all operate under this law. It is important to function, survival, administration, and sustainment in any form of government and it is the Law of Identification.

How many of you have various forms of identification in your pockets? This identification validates that you are who you say you are and you have the authority to write checks in your name, use credit cards in your name and sign for your self. When you are born you are issued a Social Security number that identifies all of the accumulated credentials for your future sustainment in the workforce of the nation. Without identification you have no established validity in society, in the financial institutions, or anything else to function in the society. The identity that you establish is tied to everything you say, do, accomplish and all the credibility of who you are. Without valid identification and credentials you are denied many privileges and rewards of citizenship.

The disciples came to Jesus and complained that someone was healing people in the name of Jesus but were not apart of their group. Jesus replied, whose name is he using? Whose name does he identify with? Why your name Lord. Then let him be. If he is for Me then he cannot be against Me. Yet when the disciples wanted to call fire down on people for rejecting Him Jesus asked them, "You know not what spirit you are of." Jesus wanted them to learn to identify themselves with His Spirit, His name, His authority, and His power. Not themselves, their own weaknesses, the world or their circumstances.

So, we find that there is an identification process in the Kingdom of God. Look with me in **Matthew 22:11-14** *And when the king came in to see the guests, **he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:** And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are **chosen**.*

You know, if I go to work and come up to the gate entrance to the military post and the guard does not recognize me nor can I provide the proper required identification then I am denied entrance. You see, this man had not the correct identification. The King approached him, and even though the King had invited him to come to the feast, the King was sore displeased that the man had not bothered to put on the correct garments provided for the wedding feast. Therefore, the Kingdom did not recognize the man as an authorized guest. The man could not be identified with the King's authority.

Everything you do and are in the Kingdom is tied to your identification. Who and what do you identify with? When everything is as it should be or when nothing is going as it should who or with what do you identify? When everything is wrong and seems hopeless with whom or what do you identify? Do you, can you identify with the Word of Life and Truth? Have you enough of Christ and the Holy Spirit in you to identify with His Spirit, His name, His Life?

In Genesis we are told that the Father created each and every living thing after it's own kind. So from the beginning there was the law of distinctive identification. However, it goes on to say that Father created man not of it's own kind but in the very image of God Himself. Father does not identify you with the birds of the air or the beasts of the field but God identifies you with Himself.

Have you ever seen a dog that has been so crossed breed that it loses its identity and you have to ask, "What in the world kind of mutt is that?" But we take pedigrees and register them to validate purity of their lineage. You were not created to be a cross breed of hedonism, humanism, materialism, or worldly sinfulness or selfishness but you were created to be a pure bread man or woman of God clearly marked and identified with the power, authority and love of the Father.

In the church today there are many Christians who are not clearly identifiable. You cannot tell any difference between them and the rest of the folks running around the mall or workplace. Some Christians have so much compromise in their lives that they have lost all identity of who they are or were called to be.

In the Old Testament and under the old law man could only identify with God through outward practices but Christ came and made a blood covenant that we could once again identify with God inwardly in our hearts, minds, and spirits. Once again we could identify with our purpose for being created. We could identify with His authority and dominion, His Kingdom as Sons and Daughters.

**I Corinthians 15:41-51** *There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,*

Only through Christ in the Kingdom of God is there unity in diversity. Though God made each of us distinctively different in our appearance, minds, and emotions we are all in His image. We all may bear His mark of Kingdom identification. The Greek philosopher Thales posed the question that from all the infinite diversity in the universe what was the one thing that pulled it altogether? In his book *Can Man Live Without God?* Ravi Zacharias states, "Only in the Christian faith there is unity and diversity in the effect of existence because there is unity and diversity in the first cause of our being. That unity and diversity are found in the community of the Trinity. The Trinity provides us with a model of community of love and essential dignity without mitigating personality, individuality, and diversity. C.S. Lewis stated that "The Trinity is either the most farcical doctrine invented by the early disciples or the most profound and thrilling mystery revealed by the Creator Himself, giving us a grand and wondrous intimation of reality."

With the Trinity each is distinctively personal yet the three are one. Each in the law of identification is a person of the Godhead with purpose and personality of the Godhead yet are one in unity of authority, dominion, love, and communication. So it is to be with us. Each bearing the mark of the Father, clearly identifiable by His characteristics working together in building His Kingdom unified in the name of His Son and the personality of His Holy Spirit.

We must quit identifying with the earthly, the curse, and the old Adam. It is time to identify ourselves and each other with the identity of Christ, the Holy Spirit, His Church, His Kingdom.

God never desired for you to identify with sickness, disease, failure, sinfulness, poverty, depression, oppression or even death. Father's intent is for you to identify with the living. Identify with Him and Him alone.

**Hebrews 1:1-5** *God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?*

Who do you identify with? Each of you by the very law of birth are sons and daughters of someone. The question is whose son or daughter are you? You might say, "Well did Jesus not hang out with the sinners, the sick, and the impoverished?" He in deed dwell in their midst but His identity did not change theirs did. They did not change His identity, He changed theirs. They did not change His character, His thinking, or His image, He changed theirs. He showed them that they could be sons and daughters then He went to the cross and took on the identity of their sinfulness, sickness, and impoverishment that they may fulfill their true identities in the Father. That their true identities may be theirs through the adoption of the Father.

Do not think that you can hang out at the bars and clubs and change the spiritual identity of others until you are secure and steadfast in your identity in righteousness of the Father.

You know they can take Miss Piggy and dress her up in the most beautiful garments and all the fine jewelry but you know she is still a pig. Nothing changes with the adornment. No matter what you do a pig is a pig and remains a pig. You can breed a dog with all other kinds of dogs but you still get a dog. Jesus indeed identified with the sinners and even died the death of a criminal between two thieves and took on all the sin of the world but it never changed who He was. It never changed His identity as the Son of God because of His heart and obedience. What marked Him was His heart, His mind, His Spirit, His words, His life, His sacrifice, His obedience. This is where His identity lie. He overcame the curse of the law and took on the identity that was not His. Took on the identity of sickness, disease, sin and death that you may take on the identity of LIFE IN CHRIST. He wants you to identify with 1 Peter 2:24 that by His stripes you were healed., Matthew 8:17 that He bore all your sicknesses and carried all your diseases. He wants you to identify that He was made poor that all of your needs may be met according to His riches in glory.