## You Are Who God Says You Are

Most people are trying to find an identity. They do this by looking at certain way, joining with people who feel the same way about life, or copying some idol or pop star.

We have an identity which is given us by God Himself, and we should celebrate who we are as His unique creation.

## **Exodus 3:2-4**

God called Moses by name. Moses was drawn to the presence of God in the burning bush. **James 4:8** says, "Draw near to Me and I will draw near to you." God wants your attention because He wants your companionship.

Why did God call Moses? **Exodus 3:7-10.** God heard the cry of His people. He said He had come to deliver them. God remembered His covenant. **Exodus 2:24.** 

The covenant was not only an unchangeable legally binding contract between God and man. It also established a relationship.

God still calls us by name today because He wants to restore that relationship.

God had compassion on the Children of Israel. **Deuteronomy 13:17b** – "that the Lord may turn from His anger and show mercy and have compassion on you."

**Matthew 9:36** – Jesus was moved with compassion and healed all their sicknesses.

The compassion of the Father, the love of the Father, drove Jesus.

The driving force behind God's dealings in your life are His overwhelming compassion and love. **John 3:16** – For God so loved the world... that He gave His most precious, valuable asset He possessed – Jesus Christ His only Son.

We are of GREAT value to God. **1 Corinthians 6:20** says we were bought (purchased) with a price.

Like Moses, God called you by name. **Isaiah 43:1, 1 Peter 2:9**; Chosen... He has called you.

John 10:27 – My sheep hear My voice and they follow Me.

Matthew 10:29-31 – Even the hears on your head are numbered!

**Zechariah 2:8** – You are the apple of His eye.

**Isaiah 49:16** – I have inscribed your name on the palms of My hands.

**Romans 11:17** – We are grafted into Israel

i.e - YOU ARE SPECIAL TO GOD!

**Hebrews 13:5** – I will never leave you or forsake you.

Psalms 91:11 – He will protect you.

**Hebrews 1:14** – Even the angels are ministering servants directed by God to look after you.

Like Moses, you are a covenant person. But **Hebrews 8:6** says we have a better covenant than Moses.

Under the Old Covenant, God said He would forgive all their iniquities and heal all their diseases. **Psalms 103:3**.

Under the New Covenant, Jesus took all our infirmities and bore all our sicknesses. **Matthew 8:16-17**.

In Judges 6:23, the Lord says, "Peace be unto you."

In John 14:27, Jesus says, "My peace I leave with you."

Psalms 23:1 says, "The Lord is my shepherd."

In **John 10:11,15**, Jesus says, "I am the good Shepherd who lays down His life for the sheep."

In **Genesis 22:14**, Abraham calls God Jehovah Jireh – The Lord Who provides.

In Philippians 4:19 we read, "My God shall supply all your needs

according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." – Is there a limit to this promise?

What was promised in the Old Covenant has been totally fulfilled in Christ in the New Covenant. What is our requirement to receive this?

**2 Corinthians 5:17** says, "If any man (person) is in Christ, he (or she) is a new creature (new creation). Old things are passed away, behold all things are made new!"

You don't have to be haunted by the past, because Jesus has erased it. You don't have to be scared of the future because Jesus has conquered it, and He promises to "never leave you."

You can rest in Him continually because He is always there and the provision and care given under the New Covenant is far better. – covered by the blood of Jesus Christ

**John 15:14-15** says we are no longer duty bound to serve God, but we are His friends!

John 10:10 says He wants our life to be superabundant!

If you will see how your Heavenly Father loves you and really cares for you, you will be at peace in *all circumstances*.

Allow the Lord Jesus to heal you in these areas of your life. **Isaiah 53:3-4,** etc.

Allow Him to be Lord over your mind, your emotions, your thoughts, your desires and your will – and He will allow you to be His friend, His confidant, His co-worker bringing similar release to others.

John 10:30 Jesus states, "I and My Father are one."

**John 14:11** says, "Believe me that I and My Father are one, or else believe Me for the very works' sake."

John 14:10 says, "The Father that dwells in Me, He does the works."

What works? **Luke 7:22** – The blind see, the lame are healed, the deaf hear, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed and the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached.

Those are the works of the Father, who is full of compassion and is LOVF itself.

John 20:21, As my Father has sent me, SO I SEND YOU!

Let the motivating force of our lives be compassion and the love of the Father, moving us to reach out to others with the precious gospel of Jesus Christ. We have to reach out and our Father will "do the works." He's waiting to show His love and compassion to a dying world through you and me.

YOU ARE WHAT HE SAYS YOU ARE – YOU ARE LOVED BY THE FATHER

Religion is a substitute for God. It is a counterfeit!

What does a life without religion look like?

What does a life filled with the love of the Father look like?

Wait on the Lord – wrap yourself around Him, His Spirit. It is relational.

Meditate on the Word.

Bring every thought into captivity.

Declare the Truth over your mind, your body, your relationships – EVERYTHING!