

We Won't Lose Our Identity

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To have the identity of something is the quality or condition of being exactly the same as the thing identified. I am identified with Christ. My life, my beliefs, my attitudes, my whole manner of living has the quality of being the same as those attributed to Christ. I won't lose that identity. I have been identified with Christ for more than 25 years. All that I have become and all that I am, is so because of Christ. I have become and I am identified with Christ. For me to stop being who I have become in Christ, and what He has made me to be, would be to lose my identity in Christ. I refuse to do that.

The Bible admonishes us to come out from among them (the world) and be separate, and touch not the unclean thing and he would receive us. If we as Saints of God do anything otherwise, we will lose our greatest blessings, that is being identified with Christ. Colossians 2:10 tells us that we are *complete in Him*. As long as we remain in Him, we are whole, we are complete, and have need of nothing save Jesus Only. When we lose our identity, we become incomplete and subject ourselves to unfulfilled lives. God promises us the abundant life so long as we walk in him as sanctified vessels. As Christ was not of the world, neither are we to be of the world. Jesus said that for *our sakes*, He sanctified himself that we also might be sanctified (John 17:16-19). The body of Christ, His peculiar people, have an obligation to not live according to the dictates of the world, but after the ordinances of God. For if we do otherwise, we lose our identity with Him and cause his redemptive work to be of non-effect.

As a body of Apostolic Believers, we are obligated to live by the standards set by Christ and given to the Apostles. Jesus told the Apostles at Matthew 28:20, teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. Though many things were taught by the Apostles, one key principle was that we are to live holy and righteous lives in this present world. We are to let our lights so shine before men, that men may see our good works, and by this glorify our Father in heaven. If we lower these standards in order to please men, we will lose our identity. In this rapidly changing world, God needs a people who will holdfast to His Word, regardless of what the world does or how it changes. A people who will not lower His standards in order to fit-in with the world or to be accepted by the world. A people who will maintain their integrity and identity with Christ. We have been called to be that people, and "*We Won't Lose Our Identity.*"