

WHO ARE YOU?

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3 ways to Discover more of your True Identity in Christ.

1). Act of Baptism

Matthew 3:13 (NIV) *Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"*

Matthew 3:11 (NIV) *I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.*

Matthew 3:15 (NIV) *Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.*

Matthew 3:16a (NIV) *As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water.*

2). The Presence of the Spirit

Matthew 3:16b (NIV) *At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.*

The Holy Spirit...

- helps us in temptations
- convicts us of sin so we confess
- comforts us in our struggles
- gives us spiritual gifts
- guides us to truth
- empowers our worship
- intercedes for us to the Father

3). Affirmation of God

Matthew 3:17 (NIV) *And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."*

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- Psalm 2:7 (NIV) *I will proclaim the Lord's decree: He said to me, "You are my son; today I have become your father.*
- Isaiah 42:1 (NIV) *Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations.*

Henry Nouwen says we spend our whole lives asking the question: WHO AM I?

- 1). I am what I DO.
- 2). I am what I CONTROL.
- 3). I am what PEOPLE SAY about me.

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- 1). You are My child.
- 2). I love you.
- 3). I am pleased with you.

My Next Step:

I will:

- Find a Bible reading plan on my Identity in Christ
- Follow Jesus in baptism
- Read and reflect on the "Who I am in Christ" document
- Make a decision to let go of what others think of me
- Discover more of accessing the Holy Spirit in my life