

“Identity”

Have you ever asked this question?

When it comes to being a Christian – is this all there is?

“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”
John 10:10 (NIV)

“The glory of God is man fully alive.” Irenaeus

“When I look around at Christians today, I see people who just wear a T-shirt for an adventure they’ve missed out on. We’re missing the journey. We’re stuck in the same dull routine. We’re missing out of the joy and fear and laughter and doubt and mystery and confusion of following Jesus, of taking great risks for God, of praying dangerous prayers, even of being spiritually attacked.

The more honest among us find ourselves asking questions like: Is this all there is? Is this really what Jesus meant when He said, “I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full? Is this the life Jesus died for me to have? Didn’t Jesus pay too high a price to buy me this life? Am I supposed to be miserable until I get to heaven?”
Vince Antonucci

So What Happened?

Maybe _____
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Information or messages we receive _____
and/or _____ tend to seep in and shape our identities.

The early information factor

Messages you receive about yourself early in life from what seems to be a credible source – has a good chance of molding what you think about yourself.

The often information factor

If you hear something often enough – you begin to believe it about yourself.

What Is My True Identity?

Then God said, “Let us make human beings in Our image and likeness.”
Genesis 1:26 (NCV)

For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother’s womb.
Psalm 139:13 (NIV)

I knew you before I formed you in your mother’s womb.
Jeremiah 1:5 (NLT)

But to all who did accept him and believe in Him He gave the right to become children of God.
John 1:12 (NCV)

God loves you and has chosen you as His own special people.
Colossians 3:12 (CEV)

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!”
2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

“For we are God’s workmanship...” Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

“Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.”
Colossians 3:1-3 (NIV)

My Next Step

