

Our True Identity in Christ.

Over the past two weeks we have looked at what our true ID is and why we need to look at our ID through what Jesus has done for us and not through the lens of the world system. Summary of what we have covered: We have been made in the image and likeness of God, justified (declared not guilty), sanctified (set apart and declared holy), not condemned but accepted in Christ. That we are unique and only one of us where God specially put his own personal touch on us.

We are in an age where we see a breakdown of moral, spiritual standards, ethics and values and gradually humanism and secularism and free expression is creeping into society and even the church and hence we as believers called to live separated holy lives unto Jesus need to be watchful that we do not get caught up or entertain that which is unholy and unrighteous.

Our schools and our kids are being bombarded on gender identity, same sex families and gender neutrality and we have to as believers pray urgently and earnestly to the Lord to save our kids from such influence and teaching.

we have the responsibility of teaching our children what the bible says of who they really are and why they God designed them and has an amazing plan for their lives.

God knit you & put you together - Ps 139: 13 says this: *You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit them together in my mother's womb*

King David had a revelation of how intricately and carefully God the Father had made him. He recognised that God knit him together in his mother's womb. When you look at how life is formed- it is truly a miracle! When you knit something you bring several fibres together to form an intricate network or pattern that gives form, shape and strength. When God knit you in your mother's womb He put a lot of thought and work to give you shape, form and strength to be the person you are.

Job recognised this when he said *You clothed me with skin and flesh, and knit me together with bones and sinews (Job10:11).*

God told Jeremiah the prophet in Jer 1:5 *Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.*" This was declared long before Jeremiah became a prophet. God already knows who you are and what you are going to be.

We have heard people say, "My parents didn't plan me. I was an accident no one expected." People use this as an excuse for not accepting more responsibility in life, claiming that they are accidents who came into the world by mistake and aren't even supposed to be here!

Well, I want to tell you that even though we may have been a surprise to our parents, we were *not* a surprise to God! The bible teaches that long before you or I were ever conceived in our mothers' wombs, God already knew us and was calling us to be His children with a special purpose to fulfil in this world. You have purpose and destiny.

V14 Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! It is amazing to think about. Your workmanship is marvelous—and how well I know it.

I am not a doctor, but if you look at the human body, the brain the heart, the lungs, kidneys and liver, circulatory system (5-6 litres of blood), nerves, bone structure (206) muscles (650), skin etc one can only be amazed at how amazingly we function and how the body is designed to look after itself and repair itself and heal itself. This is truly God at work not an evolution as some believe. Aren't we wonderfully complex!! aren't we amazing workmanship of God?

V15 You were there while I was being formed in utter seclusion! Not even your parents knew when you were being formed but God knew you. You matter to God. you are more magnificent than the sun and the oceans that he created. You are a designer person. We all long for designer ware don't we? You are a designer person so valuable to your heavenly Father.

V16 You saw me before I was born and scheduled each day of my life before I began to breathe. Every day was recorded in your book! God designed you, was there when you were made and had already put a plan in place for your life before you took your first breath, Wow! You are no accident, no mistake, God had you in his mind and his heart before you took a breath and he had already planned your days. I often pray : Lord, I want everything you have planned in your book and every thought you thought about me to come to pass in your time and I pray that over our children too.

Who else can say of us, I knew you before you were even conceived; I knew you in your mother's womb; I know you and I've scheduled every day of your life since before you took your first breath

The Lord your Father is exactly what you need. Not too much or too little. Without Jesus in your life you cannot be a whole person. You need Him who made you to be in you to be complete in Him.

Your Heavenly Father loves you very much, values you, has time for you, will put his arms around you, comfort you, cheer you on, provide for you, help you in times of trouble because you matter to Him. Can you see yourself the way your Father sees you?

Let's pray. *Lord, I am so glad that You knew me and called me even before I was conceived in my mother's womb. According to Your Word, I am no mistake; therefore, I ask You to help me start looking at my life with respect, esteem, and honour. You called me, and You have an awesome plan for my life. I ask You to help me uncover that plan so I can get started on the road of obedience toward the fulfilment of what You brought me into this world to do!*

Declaration *I boldly declare that I am no accident and no mistake! God knew me before the earth was created; He called me before I was formed in my mother's womb; and He has long awaited my arrival on planet earth! God has a plan for me! I am purposeful; I am respectful of myself; and I walk in a way that honours the One who called and anointed me to be enlisted in His service!*

I declare this in Jesus name