

# A GOD GIVEN IDENTITY

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*The only identity that most people have in this world is their birth or marriage names and their nationality. Many are struggling while other forms of identity are devalued or removed; even gender itself. When people stand for nothing, they fall for everything; particularly towards those who would rule and control them. However, God offers a new identity: one that will not fail with age, nor be taken from us by ungodly people. Having a spiritual identity changes our physical reality establishing true purpose and ownership.*

**God established the identity of his 12 tribes in multiple ways. NUM 2:2** Every man of the children of Israel shall pitch by his own **standard** (banner), with the **ensign** (sign) of their father's house: far off about the tabernacle of the congregation shall they pitch. Not only did each tribe have its own identity and specific area in the wilderness; they also had signs/emblems, flags, colours, music and God given skills and duties. Each tribe was able to develop separately from each other; mixed tribal marriages were rare & discouraged. Over centuries some tribes excelled at serving God's purposes, but others failed miserably.

**God also offered his personal identity in the pillar of cloud and fire. EXO 14:19** And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them: God's identity was clear to the faithful, but darkness to the unbelievers. **20** And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light by night to these: so that the one came not near the other all the night.

*Likewise, the New Testament church has many 'tribes' but it is up to each to develop the power of God and their duties to the best of their abilities. The Revival Fellowship started preaching the 'original' signs following ministry in 1957-58. This bible pattern of signs, miracle and wonders still works, even today.*

**God is now the one that establishes and confirms our identity. ACT 2:3** And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. **4** And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Principally, this is no different than the Holy Spirit fire that appeared in the wilderness. Likewise the Spirit offers the same protection and blessing, but it's up to every individual to use it the best way possible. Without the power, we have no identity.

*We have a spiritual identity now. 2COR 5:17* Therefore if any man [be] in **Christ** (anointed by the indwelling spirit), [he is] a **new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, **all things** are become new.

*Even in our church we have different members (skill sets), but it's still one body. 1COR 12:27* Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular. Everyone has potential and purpose, ask to be used daily.

*The power that was in the wilderness is now in our bodies. 1COR 6:19-20* What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost [which is] in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

**Our new identity. 1PET 2:9** But ye [are] a **chosen generation** (elect), a **royal priesthood** (priests and kings), an **holy nation** (set apart, spiritual Israel), a **peculiar people** (God's possession); that ye should **shew forth** (promote) the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

**Our identity further revealed. 1JOH 3:1** Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be **called the sons of God**: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. **2** Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, **we shall be like him**; for we shall see him as he is. *We will totally spiritual beings.*

*We are also identified in the future as part of the New Jerusalem... New Name. REV 3:12* Him that overcometh will I make a **pillar** (main support structure, also pillar of fire) in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the **name** of my God, and the **name** of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my **new name**. Everyone who overcomes will also receive a new identity, unlike anything ever heard or seen before.

**Go into the world. Preach signs miracles and wonders, God will identify and confirm the true Gospel. 1COR 4:19** But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will, and will know, not the speech of them which are puffed up, but the **power** ('dunamis', inherent and identifiable power). **20** For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in **power**. We were offered a new identity and we took it... do likewise, because this is your purpose. If we are truly the sons of God, then lets do the job that the power of God has made possible.

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