

YOU ARE NOT WHO YOU SAY YOU ARE

20/11/22

In our modern world, there is a destructive trend called 'identity politics': where people are encouraged to bypass rational thought, make unscientific choices about who or what they think they are. This is foolish and has extended into gender, sport, business, law and order, etc. Much of our social order is breaking down, allowing confusion and crime to escalate rapidly. People may feel free to make their choices on the earth... but there are spiritual consequences. Let's have a look at God's views on all these modern points of debate.

FIRSTLY... GEN 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

In God's Image. GEN 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; **male and female** created he them. *We are a version of God's spiritual nature in a physical body... we should live as originally purposed. Outside of rare genetic disorders, there is only male and female; biological science agrees*

Emotional viewpoints and preferences don't alter scientific reality. We are only told to follow the science when it suits the other person's argument.

The law has concluded that all people are spiritually dead. ROM 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so **death** passed upon all men (*factual reality... all living people will die*), for that all have sinned: *this is God's measure, not human interpretation or their chosen ignorance.*

If you want to live forever, you need to move away from the human playbook... it doesn't offer much more than pixie dust.

Mentally assuming without supporting facts. MAT 6:27 Which of you by taking **thought** (by worry or belief) can add one cubit unto his stature (*to change anything*)? *Reality is not based on what you think or believe.*

Jesus has already laid out the spiritual science behind salvation... it comes with evidence, not theory. Without evidence it is not of God!

MAR 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. **16** He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. **17** And these **signs shall follow them that believe**; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall **speak with new tongues**; *These are the same signs confirmed at Pentecost (Acts 2) and confirmed again at the Gentile conversion (Act 10&11).*

The following is a description of 'identity politics' at a spiritual level.

Looking like the real deal. 2TIM 3:5 Having a **form** of (*looking like*) godliness, but **denying** (*disregarding*) the **power** (*'dunamis' miracle working power*) thereof: from such turn away. *Believing they are Christians.*

God rejects identity politics as he deals with reality... not our version of his reality... that's why he confirmed the truth with signs following. Removing the doubt.

Identifying as Christians. ROM 8:8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. **9** But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. *The claims of churches and individuals are not recognised by God... only the indwelling power. Paul demonstrates this reality check against false claims...* **1COR 4:19** But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will, and will know, not the **speech** (*beliefs/words*) of them which are **puffed up** (*self opinionated*), but the **power** (*'dunamis' miracle working power*). **20** For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in **power** (*'dunamis' miracle working power*). *Unbelievers often shout down those who disagree with them.*

When you are saved, or born again as the scriptures phrase it; things have changed for the better, you are different now.

Every aspect of our life and its values have changed for the better. 2COR 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a **new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, **all things are become new**. (*Your sins are completely removed, but God does not forget your labour of love*).

This is who God says you are despite who you may think you are.

This is who God says you are. 1PET 2:9 But ye are a **chosen generation** (*handpicked by God*), a **royal priesthood** (*both priests and kings... authority over the natural and the spiritual*), an **holy nation** (*a sinless community*), a **peculiar people** (*different than anything seen before*); that ye should **shew forth the praises** (*promotions*) of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: *Not a seat warmer. We have been given the Spirit for much more than getting our own needs met. We have a job to do on the world stage... we are chosen for a God given reason... empowered at every level.*

Even more than this, we are far greater than just blessed and special people. You are far more powerful than what Satan wants you to know.

Far greater. 1COR 6:19 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? **20** For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. *The original temple cost around \$400 billion in today's money... what do you think you are worth to God being a spiritual temple of far more value?*

There is a great need to do the will of God... you have become the temple to offer the services of the temple.

Once you are saved... God has a plan for you. EPH 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto **good works**, which God hath before **ordained** that we should walk in them. *Not just the avoidance of sin, but the effectual ministry of righteousness... serving others.*

There is no escaping the responsibility of serving others... even someone on their deathbed can share their testimony from a hospital bed.

We are free... free from judgment, guilt and blame. ROM 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in **Christ Jesus** (*condition 1*), who walk **not after the flesh** (*condition 2*), but after the Spirit.

You are free to say or believe whatever you think you are, right up to your death... then you are who God says you are, regardless of your point of view or actions. That is why God offered a signs following ministry!