

Heaven's passport - Who are you?
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My international travel map looks like it could be quite impressive and yes sometimes get to see some cool places, but what's more impressive is having a passport for heaven and using it.

“He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.”

Matthew 16:15-18 NKJV

Jesus asks if the disciples know who He is and as soon as Peter confirms he knows who Jesus is, Jesus goes on to tell him who he is. I'm sure Peter didn't see himself as a rock right then, probably had a totally different idea.

So our first question to answer is do you know who Jesus is?
And secondly if you do, who has Jesus said you are?

Have you ever had doubts about who you are, your ability and how you see yourself - at work, in relationships, in your walk with God, in life in general

I have -

Work - generally I am very confident at work, sometimes may come across as a bit cocky, however there are times when I get a company that I am less familiar with and feel slightly overwhelmed and less confident

Marriage - times where I feel I am missing the bar and when I see my wife when she is not in a good place or sick and I pray or try help and it gets no better, do the self-evaluation and get to the answer that I am not an effective spiritual head of the home etc

Christian walk – for some reason my confidence as a Christian has been targeted and I tend to start believing a lie and then get less effective.

Most recent trip to Brazil- evening where prayed for a whole of people, some indicated healed, not so excited so that night felt down and as if I was just fooling myself what was going on and also looked around and saw how some of the other mission team members had awesome things happen when they prayed- shared with some of the guys and worshipped and felt better however my identity was targeted who I am and in this case who I thought I was not - I thought I was not anointed with presence and power of Holy Spirit and that everything at was happening around me was the work of Gods spirit in that place - had nothing to do with me other than my faith and obedience

I often fall into this trap and look inwards and compare and then withdraw slightly or feel dejected.

So who am I and who are you?

My id says who I am in the physical and date of birth, passport has finger prints and retinal scan- no one can change that- maybe James Bond or Jason borne are able to copy it but they can't change your physical identity - you can see 28 yrs ago I looked a lot younger, a lot more hair , different color hair, less wrinkles etc but it's still me

So I got this Id when I was 18 yrs old so that I could get my drivers license and from that day forward everyone uses the id to confirm your identity. When I started working and needed to travel out of the country I also needed to get a passport as the international form of id.

In a similar way, our spiritual Id is given to us when we make a decision to truly accept Jesus into our lives- before that we were born in the image of Christ but never walked in it.

So my spiritual Id was obtained in May 1994-

✓ I started to realize that God loves me, He wants to have a tangible relationship with me and that His word is alive

✓ I then started realizing that God has given me a passion for people- starting with a heart for the youth

✓ I then realized God has given me leadership abilities- I seemed to naturally move in leadership roles at work, but now understood it was part of my identity and God wanted to use that for His purpose.

✓ I then realized that as an obedient child of God, He uses me in powerful ways- deliverance, healing, encouragement, teaching and revealing understanding, conduit for infilling of the Holy Spirit, boldness

✓ my beautiful and awesome wife loves, honours and builds me up and then I realize I am an awesome husband and spiritual head of the home

✓ it's actually quite amazing for me that I have turned out like I did- I was very sickly as a child, had hemophilia, eye accident all pointed to a very fragile little boy- used to get mocked at school- Popeye, challenges in playing sport- cricket, rugby BUT somehow I turned out to be a fairly stable, confident person- that somehow was definitely God's grace over my life- even before I gave my life to Him- I can't explain it any other way.

✓ This past year has been a focus for myself to pray into, fast and walk in who God has designed me to be- an anointed child of His that He wants to use to encourage people, bring healing, set people free, disciple and walk a road with some people, support Andre and Sonika, boldness to speak and pray for people- pray for people at coffee shop no matter what the people around us thought.

✓ what has also been very amazing for me/ what has a massive impact on my life is to have prophetic words spoken over me as well as looking back at prophecies - words on Lion and Rosie seeing the lion during Brazil, Andre words on being a leader and having a daddy anointing, Sonika word on man of faith and being an encourager and feeling of safety, words from Zambia mission team- I get so encouraged and ignited when I hear this, read these and can see it in action- can't not believe. This is also an encouragement for anyone who feels they have a prophetic word or any message from God for someone- we don't often realize how powerful that could be. Just after I had prepared this message I got a few birthday messages - Andre, Sonika, Sandra amongst others which again spoke directly to confirming exactly what I have declared as my identity

✓ God believes in me and I'm starting to believe that too.

I have always been very afraid of pride and thinking I am involved in determining my spiritual identity, so I have been hesitant to declare these things but I am realizing more and more that it's got nothing to do with me but the Spirit that's inside me- so I don't want it to come across that it's all about me, but it's about what God has done and is doing.

God believes in you- declare - God believes in me

So who are you?

✓ Are you are a child of God, made in His image? “Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.””

Genesis 1:26-28

We must therefore search for the image of God in ourselves and also search for His image when we look at other people

Declare I am a child of God

✓ Are you set free of sin?

“The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”

John 1:29 NKJV

Declare – Jesus died on the cross for me and has taken my sin

✓ Are you blessed with every spiritual blessing?

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.”- Ephesians 1:3-6 NKJV

Declare – I am blessed with every spiritual blessing

✓ Are you anointed to preach good news, set the captives free “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;” - Isaiah 61:1 NKJV

Declare – Isaiah 61:1

✓ Are you an awesome and Godly husband or wife – “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,”

Ephesians 5:25 NKJV, “Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.”

Ephesians 5:22-23 NKJV

Declare – I am an awesome husband, awesome wife

✓ Are your kids able to see God through you and how you love them and bring them up “And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.”

Ephesians 6:4 NKJV

Declare – I am bringing my kids up in the training of the Lord

✓ Are your parents are able to see Gods presence in your life through how you honour and respect them “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise:”

Ephesians 6:1-2 NKJV

Declare – I am honoring my parents

If you do not believe any of the above, then I believe now is the time to set that right.
If you believe what God saying to you about what you must do about it

- ❖ walk in your identity- you cannot walk if you stay seated, so this requires active participation
- ❖ Search what God is saying to you through His word
- ❖ Be open for God to speak to you often through others – prophetic words
- ❖ Eagerly desire to prophecy over others
- ❖ learning to hear Gods voice and obey(allow Holy Spirit to work through you),
- ❖ become the awesome husband and wife, son or daughter, mom or dad
- ❖ deal with those issues stopping you believing in yourself

So what's stopping you from believing in yourself and having the confidence that God has placed inside you?

is it past hurt or offense

Is it lies spoken over you or lies you believe

Is it unconfessed sin

Is it that you have not found your identity- not fully submitted your life to Jesus

Ministry time - Power of a prophetic word - Prayer and prophecy