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# IDENTITY IN SCHOOL

*Galatians 6 v 9*

'Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.'

day 01

## READ.

School can be hard. Exams can be stressful. Teachers can be difficult. It's important to know who you are and what your identity is when going into these situations. I wonder if you've ever felt let down by a teacher or a friend in school. I wonder if you feel there's a lack of belief in you and what you can do? Did you know a teacher once wrote in Albert Einstein's school report saying, "He will never amount to anything" lol! Look at him and all he achieved!

In our passage, today it tells us not to get weary or tired in doing good. Let's be a people who do good and work hard. Well, what does that look like? Well maybe this looks like respecting the teacher and not answering back, maybe it looks like being nice to the kid nobody wants to talk to, or maybe it looks like lending someone some money for their bus ride home. Whatever it looks like, let's be a people who don't give up in the hard times. And remember, whatever your teachers or classmates say about you... they don't define you, your grades (good or bad) ...they don't define who you are. In school there's lots of influence and people, who are you in school? Are you true to who you are or are you easily swayed? Let's be strong in our identity in school.

# IDENTITY IN FAMILY

*Jeremiah 1 v 5*

'Before  
I formed  
you in the  
womb I  
knew[a]  
you,  
before  
you were  
born I  
set you  
apart...'

day 02

## READ.

Has anyone ever said "Ahhhh you look identical to your dad" or "Ahhh wow do you copy your sisters' fashion or something?! You look just like her!!" It's like... nah! THE MOST annoying thing!! It's even more annoying when you know they fully copied you!! But, I wonder if it's ever been deeper than that for you? Perhaps one of your family members is an over-achiever and now it feels like everyone expects you to be just like them? Maybe somebody has tarred you with the same brush as your parents just because of where they live. Or maybe your brother made a mistake and did something wrong and now people treat you as if it was you? Maybe they treat you as if you're just like them, as if your identity is your family. Well today, you can know that your identity doesn't have to be in your family. You are you. Unique, special and set apart. We see in this verse that God has set us apart. We are unique individuals. Nobody is the same. We may have similar characteristics to family members because we're with them so often, and a lot of the time, this can be a good thing. But remember you are different and you are set apart.

# IDENTITY IN SOCIAL MEDIA

1 Peter 4 v 3-5

'You've  
already  
put in  
your time  
in that  
God-  
ignorant  
way of  
life... now  
it's time to  
be done  
with it for  
good...'

day 03

## READ.

Snapchat. Instagram. Facebook. Or is Facebook a bit dead now? Anyway, It's a whole new world. How many followers do I have? Did they really just like my latest post?! I wish my Instagram was as cool as theirs! It's so easy to lose our identity when we're so invested in a world where we show the best and hide the rest, in a world where we put filters on everything, not just the photos but on how we portray our lives and how we view other people. In our passage, today we see that it's time to start living life looking through God's filter and to stop living in a God-ignorant way. As we discovered last week, you are unique, different and have a part to play. We don't need to put on a big façade on social media. Another thing we really should stop doing is comparing ourselves to people. It can be so easy to look at people's pages and compare their highlight reel to our worst moments. But try to remember, that's all it is, a highlight reel. You are amazing. Be true to who you are on social media. Jesus only had 12 followers, I'm sure you don't need to be striving for any more than you've already got.

# IDENTITY IN RELATIONSHIPS

*Colossians 3 v 23*

'Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the lord, not for human master.'

day 04

## READ.

Have you ever found yourself changing for your girlfriend or boyfriend? Or maybe you've thought in order to get that girl/boy 'I need to be funnier' or 'I need to be smarter' or 'if only I had a better a fashion sense.' This is nonsense. If these thoughts go through your head, it's very likely that this person you're striving for may not be the right person for you. Of course, we change our bad habits or the things that badly affect the relationship but to change who you are is a whole different ball game. There are people out there who love you for who you are, for the way that God created you. We aren't supposed to change who we are in order to get into a relationship. It's very easy to find security in what your other half says or to think you'll be complete as soon as you've got another half. The thing is, we can never be complete in other humans because they are not perfect and they will mess up at times and so will we. We can draw from our passage today that it's important that we should be true to who we are and to keep working at everything as if we were working for the lord and not a human master, keeping our identity away from other human beings.

# IDENTITY IN AN EVER CHANGING SOCIETY

Hebrews 13 v 8

'Jesus  
Christ is  
the same  
yesterday,  
today and  
forever.'

day 05

## READ.

Society is constantly changing, updating, shifting. People come and go. There's always a new thing, a new meme, a new games console, a new fashion brand... the list is endless. It's hard to keep up sometimes, right? Have you ever thought 'How can I remain who I am when everything and everyone else around me is constantly changing?! In our scripture today it says that Jesus stays the same all time. In this society, how great would it be if we could be the difference? The only thing we can be sure of that will never change is the word of God. If we build our life on that, rather than the culture of the age we're living in, we'll know our foundation is secure. If we could be a little more like Jesus and stay true to who we are yesterday, today and forever. No matter what comes our way, who starts annoying us, what time of day it is, it would be amazing to see a generation straying true to who they are and not bowing down to the pressures of society... if we could start being the difference, the people that others' look up to and wonder, how did they get there?

# IDENTITY IN CHRIST PART ONE

who am i?

1 Peter 2 v 9

'But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful lightpriesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.'

day 06

## READ.

It's so easy to feel insecure at times. And we often try and find security and worth in our instagram likes or by the amount of friends we have but these are the wrong things to be trying to find our security and worth in. In Jesus Christ, we find our true worth and security; in Hebrews 6:19 we see that we have a firm and secure hope in Jesus. Jesus is always with us, no matter what, and no matter what we do, we'll always have his stamp of approval. We don't have to try hard to fit in with Jesus. We never need to beg him to stay close to us. We don't have to do these things because they sum up his character. It's who he is and a part of his never-ending love for us. The amazing thing is that we get to be a part of this.

Once we become Christians, we become new creations. Now this might sound weird but it simply means our old lives, our old bad habits and ways of living are gone and we are free to become more like Jesus. We become righteous in God's eyes. Our whole identity changes because we've been saved from sin and shame and have been accepted into God's kingdom, God's family. Our identity is in Christ.

# IDENTITY IN CHRIST PART TWO

*Galatians 2 v 20*

'I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. This life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.'

day 07

## READ.

'Ok ok I get it!' I hear you saying, 'I understand my identity is in Christ... but how do I actually live like it? And if my identity is in Christ, then who am i?'

Well, when was the last time you looked at yourself as special or chosen by God? When was the last time you made a decision based on the fact that Jesus has set you free?

We are chosen and God calls us a masterpiece for he doesn't make mistakes and he doesn't create ugly. Understanding this requires humility. We can do the most before God and constantly work and work and work, thinking this is what pleases him and makes us special, but works mean nothing compared to our identity in Christ. Works don't add value to us in God's eyes, his love for us is already unconditional. We didn't earn this, so there's no point in bragging about it but, we should share this with our friends and family so that they too might find their true identity in Christ. When we start seeing ourselves the way Jesus sees us, society will start seeing us that way too. If we are secure in Christ then in the way we are, in our day-to-day actions and speech, people will start seeing Jesus and us in a better light.





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## **QUESTIONS.**

1. What does it mean to have your identity in Christ?
2. Is your identity in Christ?
3. How can you start living the way Jesus wants you to whilst still fitting in with the society around you?
4. What stood out to you most this week?
5. What will you take away from this week?

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