

Who Am I? – #2

How about we just slow down for a moment? We've just finished taking in a large amount of information about our identity. Hopefully through some deep thoughtful prayer we've worked with Jesus and incorporated the Truth God shared with each of us about who we really are in Christ.

Let's allow that process to continue within us as we continue to talk to the Lord about who we really are. It's probably best we avoid letting our mind start running down some mental list of descriptive words we just considered together. Instead, perhaps we can relax in the Lord and enjoy His presence.

This is something we may seldom do since the circumstances of our existence keep us so busy. It is, however, essential if we want our relationship with God to develop with Jesus as the Holy Spirit intends. How can we be so confused that we don't patiently enjoy the presence of Almighty God within us? The miraculous fact that we are one with Jesus! "Thank You Jesus! King of kings and Lord of lords forever!"

Please remember that though my approach may seem overly passionate at times it is not my intent to try and convince anyone to think about something the same as me. That's the job of the Holy Spirit Who is our Teacher Who dwells within us, with Jesus, and brings the very presence of God Almighty and Unifies us with God forever. If my writing seems passionate it's because it is popping out and revealing a small part of the passion for God within me. Left to me there'd be exclamation marks everywhere because there is nothing more exciting than our relationship with the Lord!!!!

Never forget that Jesus is one with us, within each of our bodies. We share the same eyes, ears, hands, feet, voice, arms. We are the dwelling place of Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and we are walking temples of God. Amazingly our body is now shared with God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In Jesus we can relax and enjoy the presence of the Lord; our oneness with Him. Give it a try. It can do wonders.

Sometimes it's helpful to slow down, and take a few deep breaths, in and out slowly as we relax. It's easy to feel as though there's so much to take in that we've run out of room. If that's a feeling rolling around inside, then know that the Holy Spirit is taking care of each of us.

Really the only thing we need to concentrate on is the Lord. Talk to Him from a place of absolute trust in the Lord. Talk to Him from a place of being thankful we each are one with the Jesus. Amazing!

What's important is not what's in this book, but what God wants to reveal to each of us about Himself. At best this book is a tool to assist with that process. It's only the Lord we need right now and always.

Breathe slowly and deeply, be still, and know the Lord. Jesus Loves us so much that to miss a moment of His intense Love of us is to miss a part of the miracle that Jesus is within each of us. Let's focus on Jesus and what God has done within us from a different viewpoint for a short while.

As we get to know God better, we will realize more about the miracle we have become in Jesus. This is something that doesn't get enough attention from us. It is so precious, so delicate in us Living with Jesus and yet containing an eternal Strength that never weakens in the least.

This can come into our awareness like a warm light filled with the immense feeling of comfort and peace within a dark world filled with pain and suffering. This fullness of God's Love washes away any of that darkness and leaves us more content than we've ever known before. Let's accept God's Love for us.

Breathe, be still, and know the Lord. There is no end to God. His Love never runs out of His Grace that frees us eternally from any of the controlling pain of this world. Being in the presence of the Lord is so filling that what has held us down doesn't matter anymore.

What matters, the only thing that matters is our union with Jesus, and the way He fills us with His Life, His Peace, His Healing, and His Comfort. If we don't realize it already then over time, we will experientially know the way we are filled up within by His presence in us. There is nothing in this world that is comparable. That's what matters in this moment, and every moment while we are on this earth.

Now what if this moment could be ours every moment no matter what's happening around us? Please let go of any thoughts telling us that this is impossible. Just let go for a change and believe that God has caused each of us to become a miracle. We are each so amazing and maybe we haven't seriously entertained the possible implications of such a miracle happening to us.

We've known and perhaps celebrated the fact that God loves us, and Jesus has saved us. But at the same time have we let go of our private perspective concerning who we are and just listened to the Lord? Right now, we can release our grasp of the old picture of ourselves; the old stories.

That's right. Let's do something different. Let's give ourselves permission to believe the unbelievable. To just throw off the limiting boundaries of this world that hold us back from letting go of everything. In this moment of contemplation, let's only focus on simply believing God. Freedom.....

Yes, it's really true. God, through Jesus has turned us into new creatures. What kind of creature?

A completely new creature. We are each a newly created person. Really, so totally new everything that was a part of us before that was not a gift from God has been separated from the essence of each of us.

Everything within us that has not been gloriously made-new by Jesus has been forced to flee from our very being. The essence of our very existence is absolutely new.

By Jesus we've been uniquely made into an eternal-being who is Alive, and no longer bound by the power of Sin to the pain of the past. We are free from the history that we have held onto.

We've been so attached to our old story that our sense of our individual existence always required the darkness of our past. Without it we might feel as though we do not exist at all, because it constitutes so

much of our identity. We've accepted the idea that we need it to remember how to protect ourselves and deal with pain of all kinds that we've already or might experience.

That story is no longer a valid part of our new identity. It is separated from us completely; gone, no longer relevant. Really!

It might be helpful for some to explain, this does not mean those events are no longer a part of our history on this earth. That would be a silly thing to suggest. While they remain a part of our earthly history, they do not in any way constitute our identity anymore. Yes, this is important enough to be repeated many times.

Many of us are probably still struggling with this idea, aren't we? Right now, in this moment let's try thinking about ourselves completely differently. It's okay. It will be alright. Let go of any anxiety and seek the Lord. Let the Holy Spirit teach us without any preexisting bias.

Once we receive Jesus-Life, losing our old identity is not something we can ever reverse. It is in fact destroyed as we have already seen in the previous chapter. Although it's rather shocking to think that we'd ever want to undo God's glorious unity within us. Regardless, it simply cannot happen. It's impossible. Because our oneness with God is a done deal, eternally, forever and ever.

Yet, anyone of us can chose to ignore God's Truth after the Lord has become our reality. If we aren't ready yet to shift our thinking to align with the Lord, God understands. We're already forgiven. Our denial of, or failure to accept God's Truth is not "Okay", but we should not make that the focal point of our efforts. Please know it is not the focal point for the Lord.

There may be many who will disagree with this perspective because we have been conditioned to think we must make our mistakes a serious point of focus in our journey with Jesus. We'll tackle this later in this book, but for now allow me to suggest that is wrong. In fact, it is the opposite of what God desires, and is in opposition with the miracle He has made us to become.

If we sense God leading us and we are saying "no" to Him in any way, then confess it, talking to God about this limitation. He knows about it better than we do anyway. God still Loves us, and He is very patient. He knows what's in our mind and heart better than we do.

Don't get paranoid about what God thinks. His Love and acceptance goes far beyond our weaknesses. God really does Love us, much more than the effects of the power of Sin that remain within our body, patterns of thought, emotions, and behavior. So, relax and experientially know Jesus-Peace.

Breath, be still, and know God Who is Love. Hey, did you know God had this written for us: "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is *[they are]* a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come." (2 Corinthians 5:17) *[inclusive italics added]*

He did not tell us this because it isn't true. It is Eternal Truth. If we have accepted God's forgiveness and received Jesus-Life by asking to be forgiven and to be saved by the Lord, then it's as if this was written just for each one of us. It's intended as a Personal expression of God's Love for us. An intimate sharing of wonderful news about the miracle we each have become.

There is no miracle that can happen to us, or that we can witness while on this earth, which can compare to the miracle of receiving Jesus-Life. During that miracle God reaches into each one of us who accepts Jesus as our personal Savior, and entering into our eternal-being He becomes one with us forever.

Yes, God Himself, through Jesus His Son, by the Power of the Holy Spirit joins with the essence of who we really are that constitutes us as a person and becomes Unified with us forever. In that moment God performed the miracle of eternity, taking one of us when we were Dead and releasing us from Death by Personally entering into us, making us eternally Alive in Jesus Christ and making us one with Him.

This is greater than Jesus raising Lazarus from the grave after he had been dead for four days. (John 11) Why? Because Lazarus at that time could not become Alive in Jesus as we can, because Jesus had not died on the cross, risen from the grave, ascended into Heaven, and sent the Holy Spirit yet. There is no comparison between Lazarus' resurrection and us becoming Alive for the first time through Jesus-Life.

Have we ever thought of ourselves as a walking miracle that's so amazingly special? When we walk around do we walk with a conscious awareness of being a uniquely made Godly miracle?

Why not? That's the truth, so why ignore it and act like it isn't so?

Here's why, because we haven't been taught to think of ourselves as glorious miracles. So, here's a chance to start thinking in a manner that is in alignment with God's eternal Truth.

Welcome to the fact that we each are a precious, most beautiful walking miracle that is very, very precious to God. He Loves us so much!

We may say, "I know that", but allow me to ask is this Truth at the center of our sense of self, of our identity? When we think about who we are is the fact we are a walking miracle in Jesus at the forefront of our minds? Is this what drives our emotions?

Do we even know how much God Loves us? It is more than we know, and even more than we can imagine.

Why? Because God is so great, we'll reach our limits of imagination before we do much more than scratch the surface of God's Reality. Since God is Love that means we can't fully understand how much He Loves us while we are on this earth.

It also means, however, that we can live consistently being aware of His Love for us and trying to understand the fullness of His Love for us more every day, all day, for the rest of our days on this earth. The fact we will never fully know just how precious God's Love for us is while on this earth is not the point.

Since that's the case, the Holy Spirit will still work tirelessly to teach us more about God's Love. It makes sense that we need to concentrate on this much more. Because to know God's Love for us more completely by experience, is to know God more fully, since God is Love.

Think of it! To better understand, sensing this amazing reality, and appreciating how much we are Loved by God is one of the best things we can do. What a contrast to all the time we've probably spent feeling unloved while living in this world.

We often seem to concentrate more on the negative aspects of living on this earth, rather than the positive. Some may tell us this is the result of being focused on survival and the things that threaten us.

It's well known that people tend to focus on negative things more than positive things. It's part of the result of being born with a Sin influenced nature, separated from God. So, this shouldn't surprise us.

Our external focus on danger seems to also encourage us to focus on what we think is wrong with ourselves. The world is full of these detractors for a reason.

Satan doesn't want us to enjoy God's Love for us. He'd rather we not even be aware of it. He'll do anything he can to keep us busy with anything else but thinking about God's Love for us.

Part of the good news is it doesn't matter what Satan wants anymore. We are new miracles made in a way that sets us Free from Sin and Death. In 1 John 4:4b we find these words, "...because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world."

All we have to do to enjoy our Freedom is to accept God's Truth as our new reality. Trust in the miraculous work of God within us, knowing that we are walking miracles, and ignore Satan's lies that would have us believe otherwise.

A few of us may be just a bit anxious by now. Please remember that God told us to be anxious about nothing. It's a waste of time, unnecessary, and denies God's eternal Truth.

That statement is not an attempt to cause any of us to feel bad, or guilty. It is simply a statement of fact. One that we need to understand to help us change the way we think about ourselves.

Again, we are not just trying to pretend that everything that's happened to us on this earth didn't really happen. That would be foolish. Of course, it all happened, and many aspects of those experiences have been encapsulated like mini-time capsules within our memories to make sure we don't forget them.

These are like three-dimensional pieces of ourselves locked away within our brains. These are stored pieces of information that usually hold images. They also hold everything related to each image, which persists within us, which includes everything that had happened within our living experience up to that point.

So, everything associated with that key event is also stored. This includes all the feelings we had regardless of their nature; pain or joy, good or bad, they are all saved away for future use.

The intensity of those events can cause us to keep them fresh, easily recalled, thus easily relived. In these short stories we most likely exist at the age we were when the event occurred. That's usually how we see the memory, feel the memory, and experience the event all over again.

Some of us are better than others at reflecting on these encapsulated short-stories and using our more developed emotions for further reflection. Some of us are unable to do so.

Almost all of us can manage most of these short-stories just fine. At the same time, we may still have some of them saved that grab us within so strongly that we lose our reflective ability in the moments when we relive these experiences.

These are all stored in our memory banks like permanent pieces of ourselves just waiting for the right circumstances to exist when we need to recall them. All these short-stories, along with huge amounts of other information are all a part of our much longer story about ourselves.

This constitutes the core of our old identity prior to being made new in Jesus. Probably, for most of us, that story is still seen to be our identity, and we've been going along adding to this story just like always. It's what we know how to do, and what we may have learned while in this world we'd better do.

Unfortunately, for most of us it's probably correct to say our idea of how to live a good life for Jesus fits this form of the continued development of our identity. Even if we've been taught that Jesus works His will through us, or perhaps with us, still we're convinced our history constitutes our true identity.

This approach keeps us trapped within an identity that conceptually keeps us directly linked to Sin and Death. An identity that encourages our disobedience towards God, more than encouraging our faithful obedience. Worse than that is the fact if we have accepted Jesus-Life it is a lie. More on this later.

Those who know us well have probably learned the short-cuts to these short-stories. We may refer to these as our emotional triggers, otherwise referred to as "pushing our buttons". These can also exist as types of automatic triggers within us.

Sometimes our circumstances become unintentional triggering points, and suddenly we are not only attempting to deal with our current circumstances, but we are doing so while reliving another experience at the same time. This, in turn, can trigger a whole array of other emotions such as a sense of confusion, fear, feeling like we are out of control, and many, many other types of feelings.

Which version of our self-image was in control during those events? Our self-reflective capacity at the time of recall determines the kind of person we are while emotionally reliving those stored events. It can be very difficult to stop trusting these short-stories to guide us within our current circumstances.

One of the ways we try to control our lives, the story we become as we experience each conscious moment of everyday, is by choosing what becomes a part of our personal story. Most of us control much of what gets included in our story in various ways. We probably aren't even aware of storing edited versions of events.

Some of us are not able to sustain this control because we chose not to accept the story being created, or we exist within circumstances where the story we are becoming is forced upon us. Some of us reject our stories linked to our real circumstances, so much so, that we create an entirely different story about who we are, and even what our circumstances might be.

A key point is we want to be the ones who control what gets included within our personal stories. We do this by trying to control our circumstances and by choosing what meaning we attach to the elements of the stories we are becoming.

This can all be a very positive process just as much as it can be a negative process. Our perception of ourselves may be filled with short-stories about very happy birthdays, wonderful Christmas stories, warm short-stories about times we've been hugged by those who love us, or perhaps those occasions when we've received praise for our accomplishments.

The next time something positive happens to us these strong-positive short-stories can be recalled and add to the joy we feel in that moment. Associations between our short-stories can be made this way and greatly shape our longer self-perception story; the image of self that we can access so easily.

Traditional Christian teaching essentially seeks to change this process of identity development by encouraging us to continue our identity development from a Christian perspective. While we learn more and more about God, and experience His presence in different ways, we are still the ones in control of what gets stored in our brains as a part of our self-image, or our identity.

This turns out to be a dangerously deceptive process. It can lock us into a path of trying to please God, while we continue to hold onto a core identity that is false. It's a lie initially born out of Sin as far back as Adam and Eve's experience in the Garden of Eden.

It's dangerous because we don't have any way of knowing this is happening to us. It just seems like the normal way of living because that's what we know and have done during our entire existence on this earth.

These are all processes involved in the development of our identity. We are dependent upon this identity to retain our sense of self, and it's at the core of our concept of our existence in this world.

So, this is something we rely on to determine our sense of being while we experience our circumstances and define their meaning. Thus, adding to our life-story, our identity, in a continuous loop of the development of self.

In the midst of all of this is the active role of our emotions interconnected within each element of our identity. These emotions are most often triggered by stimuli without us being aware of the fact.

We can act out of fear before we understand that we are feeling afraid. This is a key factor in our survival, like when we take self-defensive actions before we fully realize something's wrong. Those initially hidden emotions get us physically ready to take action in milliseconds.

Once we become aware of our fear the danger may have already passed, and we may be safe as a result of this emotional-physiological reaction to our circumstances. If we had to first become aware of the danger, and aware that we're feeling fear we may already be physically dead before we can react.

Now why is any of this important? Why even address these issues when considering our relationship with God? Such excellent questions, and it's my pleasure to explain because this is important for us to understand.

Wouldn't we be uncomfortable to discover that something extremely dramatic that we don't understand has altered the reality of our existence? As we learn about our True identity in Jesus it can seem as though we are getting-more-than-we-bargained-for. When we accepted Jesus as our Savior and received Jesus-Life in unity with our eternal-spiritual-being, the resulting change was immense.

We didn't really understand the massive, pervasive change that was going to happen to us. We heard the words, whatever they might have been during our individual decision process, but there was no way to understand all that this meant.

Hey, not to worry. It's probably correct to say that almost all, and perhaps every person who has received Jesus-Life within them has gone through this same experience to varying degrees. It may also be true that most of us still don't understand very well exactly what happened to us, why, and how this all works.

We needn't worry about this either, whether we have been negligent in trying to learn, or others who had the responsibility to teach us did not. My guess is most of them didn't understand where our focus should be either.

So, continue to remember and please accept the fact this is not written to cause guilt, and it is certainly not about blame. Both are foolish for us. The Holy Spirit is not here to make us feel guilty so we will change. He is here to help us realize that we have a choice, and to choose God is always the best choice we can ever make.

Certainly, the Holy Spirit will make us aware of sins, but not to induce guilt. There can be no guilt where there is absolute forgiveness already. The reason the Spirit does this is to make us aware so we can Live in Christ more effectively. He teaches us to have faith, by putting our trust in what God says into action. What does God say to us?

That we are a new creation in Jesus, we are forgiven, we are free from the power of Sin, we belong to God, He loves us more than we know, He will never leave us, and there is nothing about us that is not important to Him. Again, we are a walking miracle.

Let it sink into our minds and emotions more fully than ever before. God's focus is not on what we haven't done it is on what He wants to do with us. It isn't on our mistakes or intentional sins, rather what we can do with Him, because we are now one with Almighty God.

For these reasons, our identity does not just include another event as one more piece of our long-story about who we are when we accept Jesus as our Lord. No! "Why not?"

Because God has proven that our old identity was based upon a foundation of lies. Let's make sure we're relaxed, and breath deeply again so we can listen to the Holy Spirit better.

Please read this carefully and let's allow this sink into our minds as the Holy Spirit desires. Life really is not about us making it through each day, managing our circumstances, and trying to be in a position, or a mindset so we have as good a life as we can. That is a lie. True Life can only be God's-Life within us, being lived out with us, in a unified partnership with Jesus. That is the eternal Truth.

Because that is God's Eternal Truth that now exists within us, united with the essence of our eternal person, we are a new person in Jesus, and with Jesus in us. Everything about our identity is new because we are within Jesus, and Jesus is within us. Thus, each of us is unified with Jesus forever.

We are so different that our old identity has no way to connect with who we now are in Jesus our Lord! No footholds. No places for fingers. Not even the smallest spot to attach to us. It's impossible!!

Yes, at this time what's being stated is we must let go of the identity we've been thinking of as the image, or story of who we are. The meaning of our existence on the earth can no longer be accurately associated with that old self regardless of how positive or negative it might have been.

That concept of self has no basis in facts so far as our true eternal person is concerned. Our story has been rewritten. That's right completely rewritten by God.

No, this doesn't mean we pretend that all our past experiences didn't happen. It doesn't even mean that we have to pretend the self-image we've worked so hard to build never existed. Either of those perspectives would be ludicrous.

It does mean, however, that we can choose to stop using that old story to define who we are, and release the meaning we've created about those events, which we've been using as the basis of our identity. This is not a denial of reality, it is a choice to rely upon the eternally True Reality that God has created with us, and within us.

Yes it is possible, we can accept the realization of God's most Perfect Love for us. We can fully believe that we've been made completely new. We can adopt as our new reality that all the old things about us, so far as our identity is concerned, and so far as the essence of our existence is concerned have passed away.

They are forever gone. They can never return. That is not who we are in Jesus, never has been since we were saved by Christ, and never can be. Isn't it time we realized this and aligned our perspectives with God's Eternal Truth.

Praise God! We can choose to trust God more than we trust ourselves. We can choose to trust in what God has done within us through Jesus, instead of trusting ourselves to decide who we really are based upon our interpretation of the circumstances we've experienced.

Does this mean our memory will be erased? Is that what is meant by "old things" have passed away? No.

What is meant is when we realize how we've been changed by Jesus it will seem foolish for us to continue trusting ourselves, anyone else, or anything else but the Lord. Only the Lord has been given the authority to define who we are. We realize God is the only One Who can accurately interpret the meaning of all our circumstances. Indeed, the meaning of our very existence.

Does this mean we are supposed to pretend we don't know what we do know? No. Consider this, what is the source of what we think we know concerning ourselves? Most likely it is us and other people as our circumstances and actions have been assessed.

Okay. Which one of those sources is smarter, more knowledgeable, or wiser than God? If we really know God, then we know there is no comparison that's even possible. God is the only One Who can be trusted in this way.

Of all we think we know, what is aligned with what the scriptures say about who we are in Christ, and what is not? These could seem like rather complicated questions to answer, but the scriptures are clear.

Our sense of complexity usually comes during our daily living when on a moment's notice, while in the midst of experiencing some element of our circumstances, we must think, or act based upon our identity of self.

In that moment we may find the circumstances take the place of our values as our foundation of self is brought into question. We may find we immediately start to follow old patterns that were based on our old identity.

So, what are we supposed to do? Well, we can start right now by relaxing, breathing deeply, and choosing to trust God more than anyone, or anything else.

Now Here's the Key to Discovery

First, we must fully accept the Truth about how much God Loves each of us. Second, the fact that God has made us a newly created person in Jesus must be our reality from which our every thought about our identity flows.

Third, we need to accept the Truth that there is nothing about any one of us that is not precious to God. That's right everything is important to the Lord that involves us in any way. Not even the seemingly unimportant things that we think God would never be interested in for any reason, are in fact very important to God.

We may think, "No, that can't be. It's not practical. Everything about us can't be that important to God."

Wrong. Sorry for being so abrupt, it's not my intent to offend anyone. Please consider, however, how much sense does it make for us to soft-soap this reality? Every moment we have on this earth with Jesus is important or we wouldn't be here.

The idea that anything about us is not important to God is a part of Satan's lie to us. If Satan can get us to accept the idea that even the smallest thing about us is unimportant to God, then he will leverage that idea to include more and more about us. His goal is that we think we aren't important to God, or better yet to never even consider the idea in any form.

Really, this issue is as serious as it gets. Don't shrug it off as ridiculous. Every little thing about anything to do with us is more precious to God than any of us can imagine.

Jesus said this about every person, "Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered." (Luke 12:7a) He was not speaking to just hear Himself talk, nor was He using this as an exaggerated example or just an illustration to make a point. Jesus meant every word.

It is absolutely critical that we accept this as a part of God's Truth concerning His Love for us while we are still on this earth. While sharing this with people sometimes it makes sense for me to tell them God

not only cares about the hairs on their heads, He also cares about the ones in their nose. We might laugh, or groan, but it is the Truth.

God doesn't think about us like we think about ourselves. Why would we even imagine He does?

Please realize His Love for us has not been affected in any way by the power of Sin. Jesus never did anything against the will of God, His Father. God is Perfect and so is the Love God is and has for us.

Jesus lived a Life on this earth without any sins. The power of Sin had no claim over Him, nor did it cause Him to be sacrificed on the cross. Jesus willingly gave Himself to be our sacrifice. He willingly allowed Himself to be nailed to the cross. It was His choice because He Loves us all, from the first to the last one of us that will ever come into existence.

Please, please let go of, and outright reject anything in our minds or emotions that counters this glorious Truth. This is critical because of the impact any false belief about God's Love for us will have as we seek to take the next step of faith (remember: faith = trust in action).

The fourth thing we need to do is to act on our trust in God concerning the first three items. There is one thing keeping us from this and it is as simple as making a choice. We may not want to believe this because in our experience good things never come easily.

Really, we simply have to choose to trust God Who is Love and accept His gift of being a new creation fully. We don't have to do anything else. Our choice must be the result of finally giving up on ourselves and everything we have been taught to trust, while settling this issue once and for all by choosing God.

The easiest way to do this is to talk to God about every little thing. Since every little thing about us is important to God one of the things God Loves is when we share everything with Him.

"I'm sure God doesn't want us bothering Him all the time with every little thing." Sorry, but that's a lie straight from Satan. How can we know this? Because it denies the sovereignty, omniscience, omnipotence, and omnipresence of God. Such lies seek to belittle the nature of Who God is; Eternal Love.

Many of us keep trying to make God more like we are, so busy we don't have time. That's not a smart thing to do. It also is a lie because God is not limited like we are at all.

Look this is the way it is: "Anything that is not from God, thus not fully in alignment with His Truth is utterly grotesque. Why? Because it comes from the core of Sin and Death. It comes from the rebellious heart of Satan". There are other words to use but the point should be pretty clear by now, if not overdone.

Why be so pointed about this? Because knowing and living within the reality that God Loves us so much is critical for us to ever be able to really experience God fully. Without that everyone loses. Us, everyone we will ever meet, every person that has Jesus-Life, other people in general, creation, and God Himself: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Not kidding around here folks. No exaggeration or bending of the Truth. The unity we have with God and everyone who receives Jesus-Life, as well as all of the rest that exists by virtue of God's original

creation can be affected by us denying God our attention, conversation, and participation in every part of our circumstances.

“Well that’s just crazy, because it’s impossible to think that way.” There’s no question that it will be impossible for us if we fail to accept the Truth about how much God Loves us, how important every little thing about us is to Him, and how critical it is that we share everything with Him.

It is not, however, impossible. Ha! Just recalled something a friend once said about focusing on Christ. “We can be so heavenly minded; we are no earthly good.” Well, this implies our mind is set on heavenly things so much we aren’t aware of what going on around us. Sorry, but if we are Living with Jesus this is this too is a lie.

Just to clarify, “No, that has nothing to do with what we are considering here.” Jesus is not only present in Heaven. He is also within us, one with us as has already been said many times. This means that anything we become aware of should be considered within the context of our Unity with Jesus our Lord.

If any of us have trouble with those ideas then we’ll not welcome this statement either: “To accomplish all this, what we have to do is fundamentally change the way we think about ourselves.” If we do this then the things we’ve held onto that counter this will become more and more obvious, and it will become easier to release and reject them. It merits repetition.

The sooner we let go of these things, the better off we will be. It’s too bad we can’t take a pill and see things from God’s perspective. Praise God, what is better than that is the reality that Jesus has already given us the ability to see things from God’s perspective! To benefit from this, we first must reject the perspectives we’ve developed without God for all these years.

There may not be anyone reading this who is able, by only thinking about this, to switch from one perspective, completely to another perspective concerning their identity. On the other hand, there might be many of us who can make this switch. That’s correct this is far from being impossible.

We have been given the information about our new identity in Christ. So, it’s a matter of choosing to let go of what we think we’ve known all this time, and fully accept what we now understand through the teaching of the Holy Spirit.

It doesn’t have to be as hard for others as it has been for me. That’s one of the reasons this book is being written, to save people the pain of learning everything the hard way. My area of expertise.

Grab ahold of the Truth that God Loves each of us absolutely, every little bit of us, and He wants to be a part of everything we think or do. That is, in fact, our new Reality.

So, just accept it as our new Truth that sets at the core of everything else we consider to be true. Before anything else, this is our starting point for being-there within any moment in which we exist.

“God Loves me, every part of me, and wants me to include Him in every thought and action no matter what.” That’s our starting point.

We will dig much deeper into how we Live within our new reality of oneness with, and within Jesus.

Right now, it seems as though some questions may need to be addressed. It will surprise me if some of us have not been struggling with some ideas, or questions like the following:

- “If God Loves me so much, then why do bad things happen to me?”
- “God can’t Love the things that are still in me that compel me to sin, can He? So how can you say God Loves every little bit of me?”
- “Well, if this is ever going to happen how in the world do we get started?”

Yes, there are other questions but if we try to consider too many this book will be so long no one will want to read it. So, off we go!