



# Christian Seeking Identity

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## To Know Him!

Jesus asked his disciples the question, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? Their reply was, "Some think you are John the Baptist, some say Elijah, some Jeremiah or one of the other prophets." But Jesus said, What I really want to know is who do you say I am? Simon Peter answered by saying, You're the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Jesus responded by saying, Bless you, Simon, son of Jonah! You didn't get that answer out of books or from teachers. My Father in heaven, God himself had to reveal it to you. Matthew 16:13-17 Msg. I believe that it is important for all of us to ask ourselves the same question: "Who do I say that Jesus is-in my life?"

Paul's prime objective was to get to know Him. Phil. 3:10 ***That I may know him***, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;. I have to stop and ask myself; how do I know Jesus? Do I know Him according to the power of His resurrection? 1John 5:20 says that the Son of God came to reveal himself to us so that we could come to a correct understanding of what it means to be in Him because this is what eternal life is all about. I find myself questioning what I really believe. Do I really understand that I am in Christ to the same degree that Christ is in the Father and that I am the temple of the Holy Spirit? Do I really understand what it means for the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to live in me? Grace and peace be multiplied unto you ***through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord***, According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, ***through the knowledge of him*** that hath called us to glory and virtue. 2 Peter 1:2 -3 Grace, peace and everything else we need is exponentially multiplied to us when our understanding of who God is and what Jesus came to do is correct! Hosea 4:6 tells us, that God's people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. The enemy wants to kill, steal and destroy the knowledge we have of God because living the abundant life that God promises to bless us with depends on what we know about Him. I believe we need to acknowledge and receive for ourselves the prayer Paul prayed for the church in Ephesus: For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And *to know the love of Christ*,

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*Christ*, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be *filled with all the fulness of God*. Now unto him that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, *according to the power that worketh in us*, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen. Ephesians 3:14-21 You may be asking, Yes, I understand all of this, but how do I get to know Him this way? Let's go back to the conversation Jesus had with his disciples. It doesn't matter what other people say about me. Who do you say I am? We have to work out our own salvation. Our experience with God can't be based on someone else's experience. We have to ask our own questions and discover our own answers that come as we spend personal time with the Father in the midst of our own struggles in life.

As I read the above article that Mickey put together this month, it really hit home. For years I struggled with my own religious mind-set that seemed to be going nowhere. I found myself saying, I know a lot about you God, and yet I don't seem to know you! What does it take to know you because somewhere I have missed something? What I discovered in the midst of my frustration was simple! I was taught not to question my faith. I had a lot of questions about a lot of things that did not make sense to me but I was never brave enough to ask them because I thought God would not understand why I just could not get it. But one day I just blurted out one of those questions and as I began to meditate on it all, God gave me an answer! Nothing to it! I learned that the God in me was just as anxious to answer my questions as I was to ask them. One of my life-long friends, Marilyn Parker has written a book that is scheduled to come out in November. It is called *The Struggle for Love*. It is a Bible based novel on the story of Leah as God spoke it in Marilyn's mind. To me, it is a perfect example of what we have been talking about this month. You see, this isn't Marilyn's story. It is God's story in answer to Marilyn's questions as the Word became the source of her meditation. In the midst of unmet expectations and dreams, we are often faced with great disappointment and pain. If you've been there, this book is for you! There have been only a few biblically-based works of fiction that have impacted me as much or more than the scriptures they were gleaned from. This book is one of those. As I read, I kept going back to the Bible, comparing the novel with the Genesis account. While staying true to the Word, Marilyn fleshed out these Old Testament characters in such a powerful way I found myself reading parts of the book over and over. *The Struggle for Love* is full of emotion. You're bound to shed some tears, but it will move you to renewed faith in God's desire to communicate with you in the midst of the circumstances that surround us. Marilyn is looking for some help! She is willing to make this story available to you for free if you would be willing to read it before October 31 and write an honest review to post on the Amazon link that she will send with the electronic preview. If you would be willing to do this you can email her at: [www.writevsnight@gmail.com](mailto:www.writevsnight@gmail.com)

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