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Christians Seeking Identity

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Greeting Family & Friends,

The ol' saying that, "March comes in like a roaring lion" sure has been true this year. It seems like it doesn't matter where you live North, East, West or South, there have been tremendous winds blowing. Makes me think about how it must have been on that day in the Upper Room when the Holy Spirit of God came in "like a mighty rushing wind."

By the time you get this newsletter, Suzan and I will be in Ecuador where we will be conducting seminars and hosting CBC second year mission trips from both Atlanta and Colorado Springs. On April 19th we will fly to Bogota, Colombia where we will again be conducting pastor seminars and hosting another CBC mission team from Colorado Springs.

As we prepared for this trip, there was a special oneness in our hearts as we reflected on how the Holy Spirit had brought to our remembrance so many things regarding what Jesus had done for us: His provisions, His promises, His completed work. We then started to think of how our enemy has come against us in trying to **rob us** of all we truly have and who we truly are. That is the subject of this month's teaching, "*Identity Theft.*" We pray that it will be an encouragement and blessing to you.

Thank you for all of your prayers and support. As we "GO" we always take you in our hearts and know that God's blessings are being multiplied unto you a hundred fold. We love and appreciate you and Thank God for you!

God Bless you.
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Jesus was the visible expression of God on earth. When people saw Him, they saw the Father. Jesus taught as one having authority. Jesus did the work of His Father. He addressed situations as though He were the Father. When he said "Peace be still," the wind stopped. When he said "Lazarus come forth," Lazarus was raised from the dead. When he said "Rise up and walk," the man immediately rose up and walked. The scribes and Pharisees were amazed that God had given so much power to a man. Satan challenged his right to be called the son of God. **Matthew 4** The Pharisees called it blasphemy when Jesus said that He and the Father were one. **John 10:30-33**

Jesus was secure in who He was. He never yielded to the challenges. He knew that the Father had placed all things in His hands. He knew that He came from God and that He was returning to God. **John 13:3** He never saw himself separated from His Father. **John 8:29** He knew that He and the Father were one.

***Colossians 2:9 Amp.** For in Him the whole fullness of Deity [the Godhead] continues to dwell in bodily form [giving complete expression of the divine nature].*

Jesus called and empowered us to walk in the same position with the same authority that He walked in.

***John 17:18** As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.*

We came from God. **Ephesians 1:4** We are returning to God. **Ecclesiastes 12:7** We have been filled with the same glory and honor that Jesus shared with the Father and we are one with them. **John 17:22** The Father is always with us.

The same enemies that came against Jesus come against us. Satan challenges our right to be called a son of God, especially our right to say that the Father is pleased with us. He causes us to focus on our carnal weaknesses rather than on the power of God that lives within us. When he does that, we see ourselves too weak and too unworthy to be called a son.

The religious world tells us that it is blasphemy for men to say that they are equal to, or one with God because that would be a misrepresentation of who God is. Actually, God is misrepresented when we fail to see ourselves in the position that God has placed us in. Our identity is based on the integrity of God's Word, not ours!

***Colossians 2:10 Amp** And you are in Him made full and having come to fullness of life [in Christ you too are filled with the G o d h e a d - Father; Son and Holy Spirit-and r e a c h f u l l spiritual stature]*

***Colossians 2:11** We are complete in Him.*

Do you know who you are? Do you know the authority that you have been given? Do you know where you came from and what you were called to do? Don't become a victim of identity theft! When you know who you are and refuse to allow the thief to challenge your rights to that identity, the world will clearly see their Father and will know how much He loves them. It is God's identity that the thief is really after.

***John 17:23** I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.*