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IDENTITY ... Identity Released

Ephesians 4:1-16

So, what difference does this **true identity** make?

When you **live** who you are – who you are **begins** to live.

Your identity is not something to be **possessed** but rather to be **released**.

Who you are is not for **you**; who you are ... is for **God** and **others**.

And he said to him, "You shall **love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind**. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall **love your neighbor as yourself**."
Matthew 22:37-39

Our true identity released changes the way we **walk** and **talk**.

I **therefore**, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to **walk in a manner worthy of the calling** to which you have been called ...
Ephesians 4:1

Walk **out** what Christ Jesus has worked **in**!

For we are his workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand, that **we should walk in them**.
Ephesians 2:10

with all **humility** and **gentleness**, with **patience**, **bearing** with one another **in love**,
Ephesians 4:3a

Our true identity released changes our focus from **me** to **we**.

eager to maintain the **unity** of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is **one body** and **one Spirit**—just as you were called to the **one hope** that belongs to **your call**— **one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God** and **Father of all**, who is over all and through all and in all.
Ephesians 4:3b-6

Our true identity cannot be released without God's **grace** and our **growth**

But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of **Christ's gift**. **Therefore** it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and **he gave gifts to men**." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.)
Ephesians 4:8-10

You ascended on high, leading a host of captives in your train and receiving gifts among men, even among the rebellious, that the Lord God may dwell there.
Psalm 68:18

God's Growth **Team**

And he gave the **apostles**, the **prophets**, the **evangelists**, the **shepherds** and **teachers**, to **equip the saints for the work of ministry**, for **building up the body of Christ**, Ephesians 4:11-12

God's Growth **Goals**

until we all **attain** to the **unity of the faith** and of **the knowledge of the Son of God**, to **mature** manhood, to the **measure** of the stature of the fullness of Christ,
Ephesians 4:13

What does disunity in faith, lack of knowledge, immaturity, Christ deficit look like?

so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Ephesians 4:14

Our Growth **Results**

Rather, **speaking the truth in love**, we are to **grow up in every way** into him who is the head, into **Christ**, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is **equipped**, **when each part is working properly**, makes the body **grow so that it builds itself up in love**.
Ephesians 4:15-16

What do I need to do for my true identity to be released?

- Grow in **Grace** - release your true identity by spending time with God in scripture, prayer, and solitude learning to listen and obey. Growing your relationship with and dependence on Christ.
- Grow **Yourself** – release your true identity by being **equipped**! This includes things like Sunday worship, STEP Track, LIFE Group, LIFE U, Faithwalking, PET (Pastor Elder Training) coming 2020. Spending time

with God in scripture, prayer, and solitude learning to listen and obey.

- Grow the **Church** – release your true identity by using your **gifts** to build up **others** and the **church**. This is about discovering your gifts, your calling to the body, finding a ministry to serve in from Fellowship Kids, Students, leadership, worship, teaching, serving, praying, greeting ... where are you in the body, loving it and growing it.
- Grow God's **Kingdom** - release your true identity by living your **faith** and sharing your **life**. This is finding where God is at work in the places you live, work, play, study and join Him on mission by living your faith through prayer, good deeds of compassion, generosity with your time, talents and treasure caring about the poor, hurting and the marginalized.

Because as we learned earlier in the message ... when you **live** who you are – who you are **begins** to live. As you grow, the world grows; As you change, the world around you changes ... that is why you and I have to do this ... it is our calling, our purpose, our destiny.

We all need to be equipped, mended, restored to our true identity and released for the sake of the One who saved us all.