

Who Are you?
False Identities

Genesis 3:26-31

Romans 8:38-39

26 Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” **27** God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. **28** God blessed them; and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” **29** Then God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you; **30** and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to everything that moves on the earth which has life, I have given every green plant for food”; and it was so. **31** God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day..

2:25 And the man and his wife were naked and not ashamed.

Naked and not ashamed: entirely
known and entirely loved

*God's chosen people, holy and
dearly loved....*

Ephesians 5:1

Genuine self-knowing begins by looking at God and noticing how God is looking at us. Grounding our knowing of our self (identity) in God's knowing us - anchors us in reality."

~ David Benner

You are Chosen by God to be his
holy and dearly loved child.
This is your truest identity.

4 The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die! 5 For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings.

8 They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 Then the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 He said, "I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself." Genesis 3:4-10

Identity Lost

Adam and Eve went from naked and unashamed to clothed and ashamed because their identity had been destroyed by sin.

Instead of Adam and Eve hearing God and being drawn to Him, they now hear God coming and they are afraid of Him.

Being afraid of God always leads us to try and hide ourselves from God.

“There is no fear in love; but perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.” 1 John 4:18

Three Indications we are living with a False Identity

- Fear
- Shame
- Hiding

Questions to Consider:

How are you hiding from others?

What are you hiding from others?

How are you hiding from God?

What are you hiding from God?

What are you hiding from yourself?