

CHRISTIAN IDENTITY

WHO ARE YOU

REASONS FOR LOSS OF IDENTITY

SIN...FALLING SHORT OF THE GLORY

1. Critical, non affirming parents...sibling rivalry
2. ABUSE.....Gender , sexual
3. POVERTY....Tough circumstances
4. DISABILITY OR CONDITION ...cant perform in a competitive world
5. PART OF AN UNPOPULAR PEOPLE GROUP
6. **GROWING IN A POST CHRISTIAN, POST MORDERN SELF IDENTIFYING WORLD SHAPED BY SOCIAL MEDIA**

COMPETING IDENTITIES OR
FACTORS

Nationalism, Racism,
Identity Politics

Islamic
Identity

CHRISTIAN
Identity

National
Identity

Socialization

Nature and
Nurture

Globalisation, social media,
Western postmodern ideology
Sexual self-identification

Genetics, emotional and
psychological development

**Who
Wins?**

SOCIAL IDENTITY

- It is our intellectual duty to critically evaluate traditions, religions, received wisdom, regulations, and social ties that may inadvertently restrict individual freedom, happiness, self-definition, and self-expression, and consider reshaping, deconstructing, or even discarding them.
- Individual freedom, happiness, self-definition, and self-expression are the highest good.
- Large-scale structures and institutions are suspicious at best and evil at worst.
- Forms of external authority are rejected, and personal authenticity is lauded.
- The primary social ethic is tolerance of everyone's **self-defined** quest for individual freedom and self-expression. Any deviation from this ethic of tolerance is dangerous and must not be tolerated. Therefore, social justice is less about economic or class inequality and more about equality issues relating **to individual identity**, self-expression, and personal autonomy

Parents attending Annual General Meeting in 2040.



IDENTITY MATTERS

WHERE DOES OUR IDENTITY COME ?

SOCIAL IDENTITY VS CHRISTIAN IDENTITY

I AM WHAT I DO

‘If you are the SON of GOD.....turn these stones into bread

I AM WHAT OTHERS SAY

‘If you are the SON of GOD..... throw yourself down

I AM WHAT I HAVE

‘If you WORSHIP me.....I will give you ALL things
IMPLICATION.....CHAOS....up an down

JESUS` IDENTITY

- * Jesus was born of the Holy Spirit: “he will be called the Son of God/Son of the Most High.” **LUKE 1; 37**
- 1. At the age of twelve: “in my Father’s house.” **LUKE 2; 49**
- 2. His baptism: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.” At the same moment, he was anointed by the Holy Spirit, which confirms his status as the Son of God (Messiah). **LUKE3;22**
- 3. The devil’s temptation: “if you are the Son of God.” Once he had defeated the devil, he returned “in the power of the Spirit.” **LUKE 4**

HIS IDENTITY ;THE BASIS OF OUR IDENTITY

5. *Abba*: his intimate relationship with the Father.
6. Pray like this: “Our father in heaven...”
7. In the parable of the **lost son**, he described the incredible love of the Father.
8. The Sermon on the Mount: many references to “your Father who is in heaven.”
9. Washing the disciples ' feet, supremely aware of his eternal identity.

**Paul: Adopted, calling out “Abba Father”
HIS STORY IS NOW OUR STORY**

Our identity, grounded in Jesus' identity

1. Humanity
2. Death
3. Resurrection
4. Ascension

PAUL'S LANGUAGE

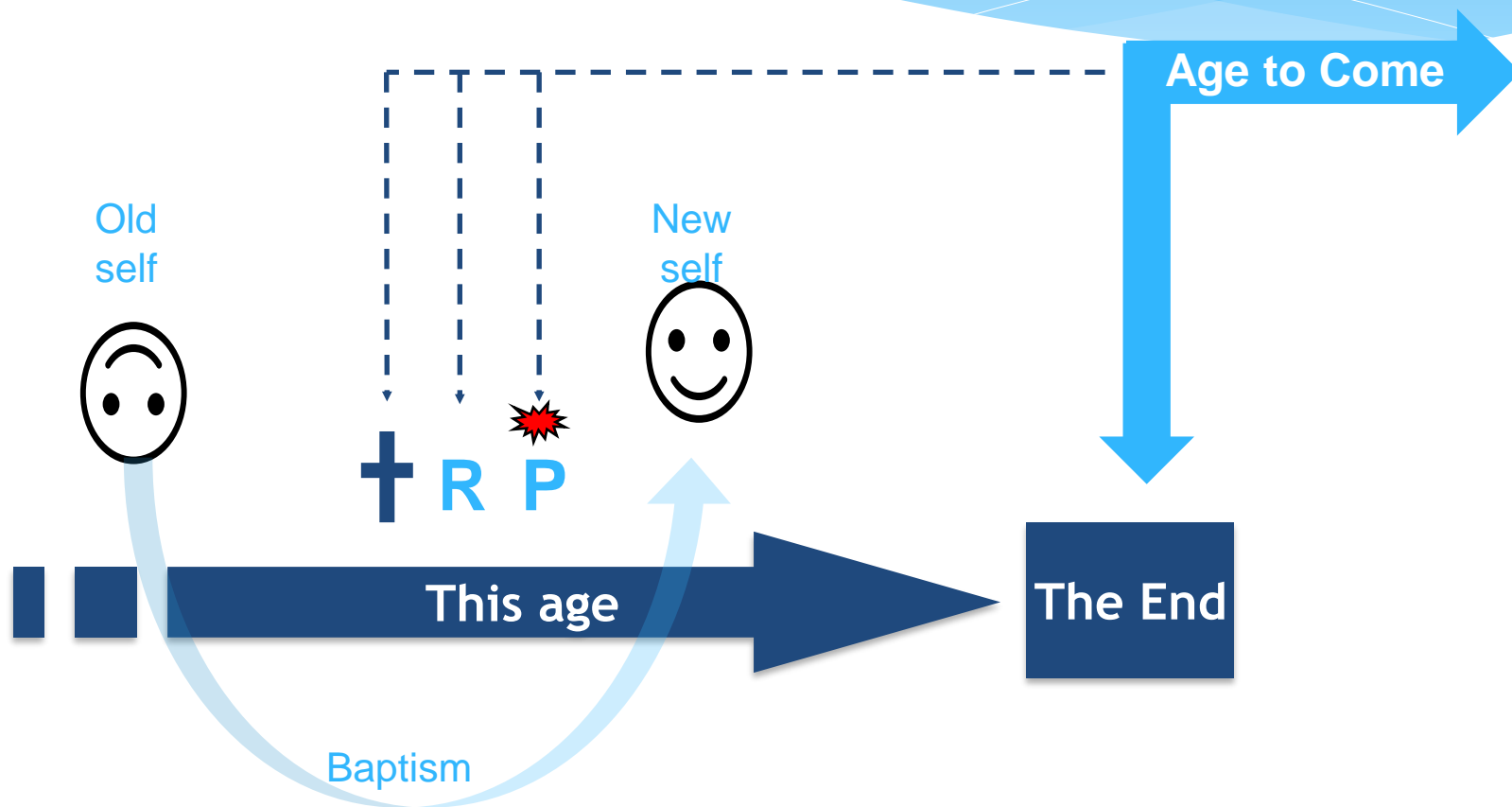
He uses the following key terms to describe our new identity:

1. Justification/Righteousness
2. Reconciliation
3. Regeneration and union (“in”) with Christ
4. Transformation


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THE KINGDOM MODEL ADAPTED BY PAUL



1. Those **called** by God (*kaleomai*): Normally referring to the fact that God called Christians at conversion.
2. The **elect/chosen** by God (*suneklektos*): Either the elect of God or simply the elect.
3. **Beloved** (*agapetos*): This is used to refer to the fact that Christians are loved by God, but more often, they are beloved by their leaders.
4. **Saints** (*hagios*): This is linked to the idea of calling so that we are “called to be saints” or simply that we are addressed as saints.
5. **Sons of God** (*huios*): Which, in view of Galatians 3:28, we can take to refer to sons/daughters.
 6. **Heirs** of God and co-heirs with Christ (*sunkleronomos*).
 7. Members of the household of faith, the **family of God** (*oiketes*).
 8. Fellow **citizens** of God’s people (*sumpolitēs*).
 9. Part of the **fellowship**/community (*koinonia*).
10. As a result, we call each other by the names “**brother**” and “**sister**”.



Do you feel comfortable saying these words about yourself without feeling like you are being too proud?

I am a justified/righteous, reconciled, called, chosen, loved by God saint, son/daughter of God, co-heir with Christ, one of many brothers and sisters in God's family, a citizen of God's kingdom, part of the community.