
Following Christ to the Resurrection

Part 5 – The Uniqueness of Your God Breathed Identity

I AM

Who God Says

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1 Corinthians 15:1-10

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Let me now remind you, dear brothers and sisters, of the Good News I preached to you before. You welcomed it then, and you still stand firm in it.

1 Corinthians 15:2

It is this Good News that saves you if you continue to believe the message I told you—unless, of course, you believed something that was never true in the first place.

1 Corinthians 15:3

I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said.

1 Corinthians 15:4

He was buried, and he was raised
from the dead on the third day,
just as the Scriptures said.

1 Corinthians 15:5

He was seen by Peter and then by
the Twelve.

1 Corinthians 15:6

After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died.

1 Corinthians 15:7

**Then he was seen by James and
later by all the apostles.**

1 Corinthians 15:8

Last of all, as though I had been
born at the wrong time, I also saw
him.

1 Corinthians 15:9

For I am the least of all the apostles. In fact, I'm not even worthy to be called an apostle after the way I persecuted God's church.

1 Corinthians 15:10a

But by the grace of God, I am what I am, and it is all because God poured out his special favor on me—and not without results.

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For I have worked harder than any of the other apostles; yet it was not I but God who was working through me by his grace.



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Who was Saul of Tarsus?

- **Jew from the tribe of Benjamin**
- **Born in Tarsus (Turkey)**
- **World Class Education (Studied under Rabbi Gamaliel)**
- **A Strict Pharisee**
- **Born a Roman Citizen**
- **Violently Persecuted Christians**

Principle #1

Discovering and receiving your God Breathed Identity isn't automatic for believers, and there is no exact formula or exact process for how it will come to fruition in your life.



Saul is Paul & Paul is Saul

- **Nowhere in the Bible does it say that God declared that Saul would now be called Paul.**
- **Saul was his Hebrew name while Paul was his Greek name.**
- **After his conversion experience, he is called Saul 11 more times in the book of Acts.**

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- In Acts 13:2 the Holy Spirit said, “Appoint Barnabas and Saul for the special work to which I have called them.”
- In Acts 13:9 we’re told that Saul was also known as Paul.
- Acts 13:13 is where Saul is strictly referred to as Paul from then on.

Principle #2

Discovering and receiving your God Breathed Identity requires a genuine encounter with Christ and is dependent on a truthful and brutally honest confession of who and what you are from God's perspective.

Galatians 1:11

Dear brothers and sisters, I want you to understand that the gospel message I preach is not based on mere human reasoning.

Galatians 1:12

I received my message from no human source, and no one taught me. Instead, I received it by direct revelation from Jesus Christ.

Galatians 1:13

You know what I was like when I followed the Jewish religion—how I violently persecuted God's church. I did my best to destroy it.

Galatians 1:14

I was far ahead of my fellow Jews
in my zeal for the traditions of my
ancestors.

Galatians 1:15-16

But even before I was born, God chose me and called me by his marvelous grace. Then it pleased him to reveal his Son to me so that I would proclaim the Good News about Jesus to the Gentiles.

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Principle #3

Discovering and receiving your God Breathed Identity requires a progressive journey of growth in intimacy with the Lord, in properly understanding His Word, and in genuinely receiving His grace first-hand.

The Grace Paul Received

- **The resurrected Christ directly revealed Himself to Saul on the road to Damascus, even though Saul was the “chief of sinners.”**
- **The Lord healed Saul of his blindness through Ananias.**
- **Jesus directly appointed Saul to be the Apostle to the Gentiles.**

Principle #4

Growing into your God Breathed Identity requires a progressive journey in the development of your obedience, holiness, character, heart, gifts, and abilities; which are all accomplished by the transformative works of the Holy Spirit.

Principle #5

**It is in God's perfect will to reveal
to you, your God Breathed
Identity.**

Not one of us has failed too much, sinned too much, or been out of relationship with God for too long, wherein God refuses to love us, heal us, and use us for His successful purposes.

Acts 9:1

Meanwhile, Saul was uttering threats with every breath and was eager to kill the Lord's followers. So he went to the high priest.

Acts 9:2

He requested letters addressed to the synagogues in Damascus, asking for their cooperation in the arrest of any followers of the Way he found there. He wanted to bring them—both men and women—back to Jerusalem in chains.

Acts 9:3

As he was approaching Damascus on this mission, a light from heaven suddenly shone down around him.

Acts 9:4

He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul! Saul! Why are you persecuting me?”

Principle #6

Your pre-conversion and post-conversion experiences in life are never wasted, so long as you bring them to the altar and place them under the power of the Holy Spirit.

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- **Something that only you will be able to understand.**
- **Someone that only you can become.**
- **Something that only you can do.**

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