

# Identity - Key to good relationships

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# Who am I?

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- Mark 1:35 “Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.”
- Luke 2:49 “‘Why were you searching for me?’ he asked. ‘Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?’”
- Luke 5:16 “Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed”
- Luke 6:12 “One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God.”
- Luke 9:18 “Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, ‘Who do the crowds say I am?’”

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- John 13:3-5 – at the last supper
  - 3 Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; 4 so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel round his waist. 5 After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped round him.

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□ Phil 2:5-7

- “5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: 6 who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; 7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross!”

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## □ Col 3:9-14

- “9 Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.”
- “11 Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.
- 12 Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”

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□ Eph 5:8-10

- "8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) 10 and find out what pleases the Lord."



Is my identity rooted in  
what Jesus says of me  
or what the world has  
taught me to believe?