

The Rock House Church
March 26, 2017
Today God IS
My Identity

JOHN 19:15, 19: *Pilate said "Shall I crucify your King?"* The priests answered, **"We have no king but Caesar."** It said **"JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS."** in Hebrew, Latin and in Greek. Many of the Jews read this inscription, the place where Jesus was crucified near the city.

TODAY'S ENCOURAGING WORD: "My child, you can do it---because I am right beside you. Together in union with ME there is nothing you will face that can get to you. Even a delay in the answer you are looking for is My all-loving Divine control that you can Rest in. Rest, Trust, Wait----see the Power of My Miracle working power--working in you---working through you--we will do it." (Hebrews 13:5; Eph. 4:32; Psalm 23; Isaiah 55:9)

TODAY'S PRAYER: Dear Father, I come to You in the Name of Your Son Jesus, My Heart is full of thankfulness for Your goodness, Your Grace and mercy but most of all my Identity, My Identity I have found in You. Father, you have given to me value, purpose—real life---it started the day--You open my eyes to see my Identity in Jesus. Thank You for Your life rich and free. Amen

TODAY'S TOP QUESTIONS:

- 1) What is the "Substance" of your Faith? (Hebrews 11:1)
- 2) What is your "Substance" made off? (Word)
- 3) Do you have Anchors (substance) to hang onto?
- 4) What is your "IDENTITY?" or how do you see yourself?
- 5) Could your "Identity" be "Substance" to build faith on?

TODAY'S THOUGH FOR THE WEEK:

- 1: C. S. Lewis: "You don't have a soul: You are a soul. You have a body." Feed your SOUL with Soul Food, let your flesh starve to death.
- 2: Graham Cooke: It is impossible to grow in faith unless we have problems, difficulties or something to overcome. Learn how to rise up and stand.
- 3: Max Lucado: Joseph exchanged "The Law" for a pregnant fiancée, illegitimate son—he placed God agenda, God's "Identity" AHEAD of his own agenda, own Identity. A true Disciple, True follower of God.
- 4: What is a Jewish wedding tent called? "Hoopla" Let the "Hoopla" Begin!!

TODAY'S WORD: Ephesians 1 and 2 (VOV) To the faithful believer at The Rock Church, Grace and Peace from God my Father and from my Lord Jesus. I give Worship and Thanks, to You Father God and to Jesus, The Christ, because you have blessed me with every spiritual blessing that is mine in Christ! I am now seated with Him in heaven. In Jesus, Father, you saw me before the foundations of this world. In Your Love you see me blameless and holy. Father You predestined and adopted me into your family as a son, through the Blood of Your Own Son Jesus and this was and is Your will for me, that You have given freely to me---to the praise and the glory of Your Grace. I am in awe of Your Love Grace—just for me.

My personal redemption, forgiveness of my sins is through His blood which was poured out for me according to His rich wishes of Grace. In Your wisdom and insight You have let me in on the mystery of and kind intentions which You have for me. At the right time, all things will be summed up in the earth and in heaven which are in Christ Jesus and made known.

It's in Jesus that I have my eternal inheritance. He is at work in me to finish the predestined work after the counsel of Father's will. In Him, I received the Truth, the Gospel of Salvation, I believed on Jesus, I was sealed in Him with the promised Holy Spirit given to me as a pledge to the continued work of redemption of God for His own possession---I can't help but give You praise—Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

I pray God, give me a fresh anointing of wisdom and new revelation in the knowledge of The Fathers Love. Father, open my heart's eye to be full of Your Light, just to know---no questioning—my calling; my hope is in the riches of Your Glory, the Greatness of Your Power working in me and through me. I believe that You raised Jesus from the grave and Jesus is at Your Right Hand and ALL things are subject to Him. They are under His feet even your church and even me—in Him all is all.

I was dead in my sin following my flesh and under Satan's rule disobedient to God following my own lust. But God, rich in Mercy and because of His Love for me, even while I was dead in my sin made me alive with Christ, by Father Grace I am saved, He has raised me up to sit with Jesus in heavenly places so I can see His grace and kindness extended to me by His Grace. I am saved by faith in Father Love Gift of His Grace. He did it all! I am His workmanship, to follow His crafted plan for my life. I worship You my Lord This is my New, MY Real Identity. This is who I am today, tomorrow and for eternity. By the Blood of Jesus I am near to God and live in peace with God, other people and with my self—a new man because of His Cross. With the fullness of the Spirit, I know that I am part of the household of God. Jesus is the corner stone and He has made my heart a holy temple for God to live in.

TODAY'S THINKING: *Who can come to the King at 2:00AM and ask for a drink of water? His child—that's what the ⁺CROSS⁺ does for me. My new "Identity"*

Claudia Minden Welsz

I asked God to take away my pride, And God said, "No."

He said it was not for Him to take away, But for me to give up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole, And God said, "No."

He said her spirit is eternal, While her body is only temporary.

I asked God to grant me patience, And God said, "No."

He said patience is a by-product of tribulation. It isn't granted - it is earned.

I asked God to give me happiness, And God said, "No."

He said He gives blessings, Happiness is up to me.

I asked God to spare me pain, And God said, "No."

He said, "Suffering draws you apart from Worldly cares and brings you close to Me."

I asked God to make my spirit grow, And God said, "No."
He said I must grow on my own, But He will prune me to make it fruitful.
I asked God if He loved me, And God said, "Yes. I gave my only Son to die for you,
And someday you will be in heaven with me Because you believe."
I asked God to help me love others As much as He loves me,
And God said, "Ah, finally you have the idea."

TODAY'S SONG: When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

1: When I survey the wondrous cross;
On which the Prince of glory died.
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.
WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

4: His dying crimson, like a robe,
Spreads o'er His body on the tree;
Then I am dead to all the globe,
And all the globe is dead to me.

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and grief's to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

TODAY'S CHALLENGE:

What is your focus on today? Is it only to get to heaven? Is it just to get through this day? Or maybe just to get through this season of your life? If that is you---it is so easy to miss the treasures God has for you to find along your way---not just to survive---but to live, be alive! Psalm 23 "I prepare a table for you in the presence of your enemies." Living in His presences with my new identity, His child, brings new joy, new prospective, new way to embrace my life's journey. This joy, the joy of knowing I am His Child, changes even transforms how I look at my circumstances and how I think about life---I'm His favorite!

My new focus is on God's plan for me that was created, crafted just for me to live. Father made this day just for me to find Him faithful---my new JOY!! My delight to please Him.

ISAIAH 35: It will blossom profusely and rejoice with rejoicing and shout of joy. They will see the glory of the LORD. Encourage the exhausted, and strengthen the feeble and say to those with anxious heart, "Take courage, fear not. Behold, your God will come *with* vengeance; The recompense of God will come, But He will save you." A highway will be there, a roadway, and it will be called the Highway of Holiness. For waters will break forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. The unclean will not travel on it, but it *will* be for him who walks *uprightly*. No fools will wander *on it*. No lion will be there, Nor will any vicious beast go up on it. But the redeemed will walk *there*, and the ransomed of the LORD will return and come with joyful shouting to Zion, with everlasting joy upon their heads. They will find gladness and joy, and all sorrow and sighing will flee away.

TODAY'S PRAYER FOR OUR NATION:

- 1) Nehemiah 1 Broken down wall of government and people: we pray for restoration of trust and Godly focus; Gates to heaven be restored.
- 2) Worship God: My eyes are open to see what You are doing; my ears are open to hear how to pray and intercede for President Trump, nation, leaders, press; discernment between good & evil reports; humility; focus
- 3) Weeping and fasting: We pray for our President, his family; cabinet political people ; political issues, Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done
- 4) PRAYER FOR My Family; children, grandchildren, protection; keep them; wisdom in their choices.
- 5) PRAY: I pray for Rochester; Mayor and her Counsel; Fairport; my neighbors; Church family

EMPTY CUP--- FULL CUP VBOJR

My cup is so empty this morning
Despair, doubt, trouble all scoring
Even before my feet hit the floor
My defeat is standing at the Door.

Looked into my bathroom mirror to see
My hopeless fate of who really I'm to be.
Loser, sinner, guilty, becomes so clear
Broken and empty, fighting off the tear.

But what is it I see looking back at me
There in my eye; could it really be, Thee?
Even before the hot water and soap
In my own eye, a glimmer of Hope

Today is Your gift to me, just for me
What was I thinking? You have set me free!
Your Love for me, in my own eye a twinkle
You give me healing, grace, just a sprinkle.

Forgiveness through Your Blood is mine
Your Love what a blessing for me--so divine.
The grip of hell is broken, my darkness is done
Looking back at me, saying, "you are my Son"

My empty cup, now full and over flowing
New vision, confidence, ready for the going
Your Joy fills my heart, Your presence here for me
Thank you Lord, I now know my real identity.