

## Lesson 3

# Identity

*That they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one. (John 17:21–22, NKJV)*  
*But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. (1 Corinthians 6:17, NKJV)*

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God is seeking worshipers, true worshipers, to worship Him. Note that He doesn't say that He is seeking teachers, evangelists, singers, or followers. He doesn't even say He's seeking believers. Rather, He states that He seeks *true worshipers*—those who will worship Him in spirit and in truth. Could that group include those whose identity is in Him and for whom worship is central to their identity?

The Father knows that who we are and what we identify as in our hearts, is defined by who (or what) we worship or give ourselves to. God desires us to be *His own*—to have our identity in Him as worshipers.

*You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God. (Exodus 20:4–5, NASB)*

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In Romans 12:1 (ESV), Paul appeals to the members of the church in Rome to “present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.” Paul is connecting worship to giving ourselves to God as living sacrifices. In other words, we could conclude that in giving ourselves to God, which is our sacrifice and spiritual worship, we take on God's identity and the identity of a true worshiper. Every one of us is created by God for God, and our identity is in Him.

Worship is an essential part of Christian identity. Moreover, worship is our identity! It's who we are and who God created us to be from the beginning of time. We honor God and express our thankfulness and awe of Him when we worship through our prayers, songs, praise, service, and giving, *and* when we acknowledge that our identity is one with Christ as worshipers and servants.

## Pray

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Heavenly Father, thank you for creating us in Your image. Thank You for recreating us in Jesus Christ. We are so thankful and grateful that our lives are now hidden together with Christ in You and that we are one. Thank you that we have Your very own nature, image, and identity. Help us to stand strong in Christ, worshipping you, the One who is worthy, in spirit and in truth. Amen.

## Discuss

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What do you believe God had in mind when He created *you*?