

# IDENTITY CRISIS: IDENTITY MATTERS

John 10:7-10



JOHN 10:10

“The thief comes only to steal  
and kill and destroy;  
I have come that they may have life,  
and have it to the full.”  
- Jesus



# MISERY LOVES COMPANY

Satan's fall

Ezekiel 28:12-17

Isaiah 14:12-15  
(Luke 10:18; Rev. 12:8-10)



# TRUTH ABOUT ALL MANKIND

God made male and female in His image,  
by His grace, for His glory.

He gave us authority (dominion), meaningful work  
and a sweet relationship with Him

Gen. 1-2; Col. 1



Since that time, the Enemy of our souls has attempted to strip from our lives all meaning and purpose.

But what is God's desire for us?

See 2 Peter 1:3-11

# TRUTH ABOUT ALL MANKIND

The Fall of man (Gen. 3) ushered sin and its consequences into the world.

Ever since that time, mankind has been born with a sin nature ('born into sin' Ps. 51:5)

Romans 5:15-19



Since that time, Satan has sought to cause man to question God's authority and His assessment of us

(Gen 3:1 “Did God really say...?”)

# IN ITS PLACE, SATAN OFFERS TWO THINGS:

- 1) Distraction from the reality of our true condition (Rom. 3:23; 6:23). Man will never turn to a Savior if he doesn't know he needs saved.
- 2) The worship of self (Matt. 4:1-11)  
“You’re not **that** bad. If fact, you’re really good!”  
Christ calls us to deny self (Matt. 16:24-28);  
Satan urges us to self-absorption

# TRUTH ABOUT ALL MANKIND

Human life is sacred (Gen 1:26-27; Ps. 139:13-16)

“set apart to God”

“consecrated to the Master’s use”

God has a divine protection order in place

God has intimate knowledge of us

God designed man to be the temple of the Holy Spirit



It makes sense then that Satan would want to destroy us

**We are, after all, image bearers of God Most High.**

He goes after our identity on a regular basis to undermine us in hopes to destroy us by whatever means.

See the slaughter of the innocents  
Ex. 1 and Matt. 2



While the past few weeks we have been talking about all mankind's identity, over the next several weeks we'll focus on who believers are in Jesus Christ.

Misunderstanding our identity in Christ has caused many to miss our position, purpose and power according to God's promise