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A Time to Affirm Your Child's Real Identity

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As the leaves turn color and the air cools, October can be a rich time of renewal. There's something about the change of seasons that inspires us to deeper thoughts.

It's also a good time for parents to rethink their relationships with troubled children. Parents have a tough time competing with LGBTQ indoctrination and pressure, which seems to be everywhere.

Many have told me that their best efforts at showing love and direction are met with the response, "the LGBT+ community loves me as I am!"

I have suggested that parents write a love letter to their child affirming their own love for the child and recounting the child's positive qualities. We all like and need to be affirmed. And we have it on good Authority.

When God created humanity, He saw all that He made and said, "It is good!" God affirms His love for each of us, as well as our Identity in Him. We are all a wonderful workmanship, created by God!

Woven together in the depths of the earth.

God intimately knows each of us even before we are born:

For you created my inmost being, you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your



works are wonderful; I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. (Psalm 139 13-16)

God created us with a desire to be loved. Yet the devil has for thousands of years sold the false gospel of narcissism,

an addictive form of selfishness. It separates us from our relationship with God and leads us into destructive paths disguised as positive "growth."

A Sacred Temple

When we accept Christ as our personal Savior, He wants us to take captive every thought and be obedient to Him. With Christ in our heart, our body becomes a sacred temple for Him. How should we respect a temple of God?

He refers to each of us as His

treasured possession; our names are written on the palm of His hand. We are the Apple of His Eye. He calls us Dearly Beloved. God forgives us and wants to be our Friend. He wants to give us the desires of our heart when they are in accord with His. When that happens, we are always blessed.

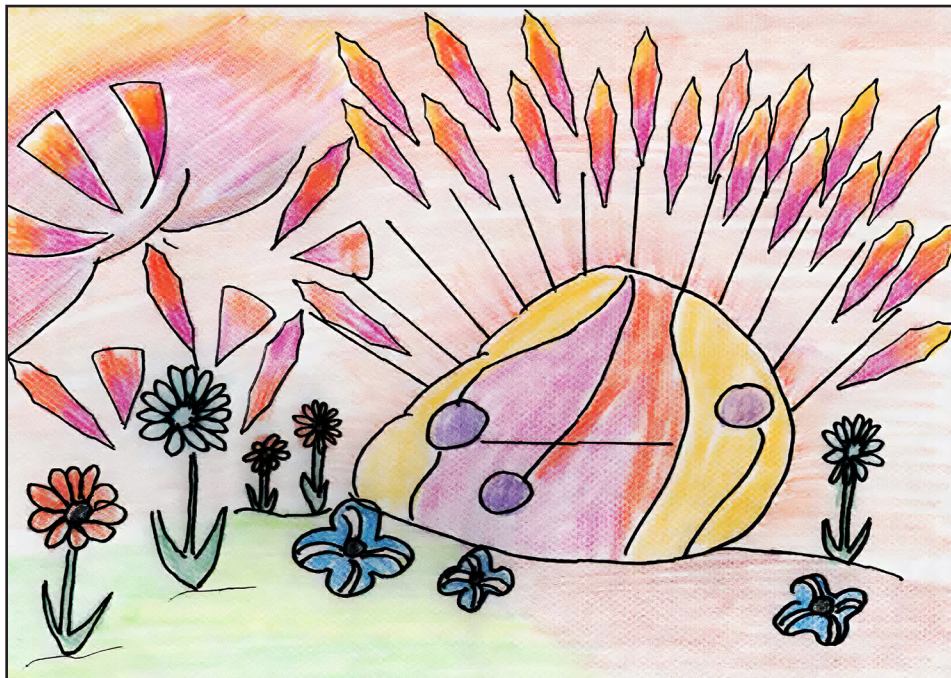
This is our true identity that yields inestimable rewards instead of transient, often detrimental pleasures. We become heirs to the Kingdom in Heaven and God builds up Equity in us, which is part of the Inheritance of Eternal Life. Jesus died for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

This means it is just as if we had never sinned. God is a Kindhearted Kingsman Redeemer, not a scold. His desire is to lavish (pile up with abundance, overflow) His love with wisdom and understanding. Our mortal life is a masterpiece of God's work. We have a new name engraved on a white stone. Each one of us is precious and He calls us a Prince or Princess in His Kingdom.

Personal Recovery

Many of us have been marred by trauma that leaves deep wounds. This opens the door to identity confusion. As a child, I got mad at God because of sexual abuse. I wanted God to squish my assailant and make it stop. As a teen, I turned to alcohol and sexual promiscuity, then to homosexuality.

I had been raised in the church but felt abandoned. Later, as other people were telling me that God loves me like a Father, I had a hard time grasping that. Men could not be trusted. When I fell deep into the pit of despair, I finally called out to God. I found Him to be the ultimate gentleman. He was truly able to fix my broken heart. The root of my identity crisis was exposed; I had been rejected and abused—and then healed.



Art by Flo Hubbs

A NEW Name written on a white stone: After reading Revelation 2:17, I created this drawing as a personal reminder of the new life and future that Christ has given me.

Some of the fruits of rejection are bitterness, shame, striving, unforgiveness, broken relationships, victimization, wrongful identity, legalism and blaming others.

Thankfully, the Lord placed people in my path with the courage to share truth, love and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. When God exposes something, He does it to facilitate lasting freedom. For genuine healing and transformation to occur in the hearts of our family and friends, we need to continue to pray for the roots of their wrongful identities to be revealed.

Pray that love of Christ will reach the heart of the lost. **Pray** for yourself as a parent or other family member, that

you will draw close to God and so will your loved one.

Pray for the Church to speak truth in love and walk alongside prodigals as they return to Jesus.

Perhaps you, as a parent, can speak some of this truth about God's great love into the life of your child and help restore his or her true identity.

At PFOX, we care about the struggles that you are facing, and we continue to offer a **phone conference support group on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month**. Please feel free to contact us at info.pfox.org.

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