



Part 2: A Greater Truth
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The Truth About Me Found in Genesis 1 & 2

I was created in the image of God, uniquely and intentionally,
for the purpose of glorifying Jesus in everything I do.
The fingerprints of God are on my soul.

The Original Lies

You can be like God

God can't be trusted

There are no consequences for choosing your own right and wrong

You can hide

Satan steals my spiritual identity by two means:

Lies about God

Truth about me

**What the devil must be told is that for every truth about me,
there is a greater truth about me!**

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him
we might become the righteousness of God. - 2 Corinthians 5:21

**In order to reclaim our true identity, we must
choose between truth and lies. How do we do that?**

We choose to live by faith and not by sight.

Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as
we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord.
For we live by faith, not by sight. - 2 Corinthians 5:6-7

Faith or Sight?

Faith = Own what we have done and confess it

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. – James 5:16

Sight = Blame others for where we are today.

Faith = Daily remind ourselves of how God sees us: worthy of being chosen!

“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.” – John 15:16

Sight = Believe that we are what we have done.

Faith = Accept a greater truth and live in that light.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

– 1 Peter 2:9

Sight = Continue to hide from ourselves, others and God.

Faith = God sees me as I truly am and it’s OK. (Psalm 139)

Sight = God sees me as I truly am and He is perpetually disappointed.

Next Steps

It’s time to start hearing truth. Take time this week to read these scriptures that affirm how God sees you. Ask God for faith to believe what you read in these passages: *Psalm 139; Psalm 32, Psalm 51, 1 Corinthians 5:6-7 & 14-21; 2 Corinthians 10:5; 1 John 1:9; 3:1-6, 4:7-21; John 8:31-36; Hebrews 4:16; Romans 8:9-17.*

Small Group Questions

- 1) How do you answer when someone asks, “Who are you?”
- 2) What labels have people placed on you? Why?
- 3) Satan uses the truth about us to accuse us of what we already know. How does 2 Corinthians 5:21 change that truth for you?
- 4) In what ways have you hidden from yourself, others and God? Are you still hiding? What would need to happen for you to come out of hiding?
- 5) Which of the sight/faith choices speaks to you? How will move from sight to faith?
- 6) What do you need prayer for today?