

# Identity Theft

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## Introduction

**A Resolve for Every Morning of the New Year** by Bishop John H. Vincent:

"I will this day try to live a simple, sincere and serene life - repelling promptly every thought of discontent, anxiety, discouragement, impurity and self-seeking. Cultivating cheerfulness, magnanimity, charity and the habit of holy silence, exercising economy in expenditures, carefulness in conversation, diligence in appointed service, fidelity to every trust and a child-like trust in God."

2 Corinthians 5:17-20 (NIV) <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup>that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.

1. Jesus declares God as his Father.

Luke 2:41-52 (NIV)

Luke 2:49 (NIV) "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?"

John 2:13-16 (NIV)

John 2:16 (NIV) To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!"

2. Jesus came to provide life through the forgiveness of sin.

Luke 5:17-26 (NIV)

Luke 5:20 (NIV) When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."

Luke 5:27-32 (NIV)

Luke 5:31-32 (NIV) <sup>31</sup>Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. <sup>32</sup>I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

Luke 7:36-48 (NIV)

Luke 7:48 (NIV) Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

3. Jesus describes his destination and the purpose for going there.

John 14:1-3 (NIV)

John 14:2 (NIV) *"In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you."*

### **The Ultimate Identity Theft**

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

The moment Jesus was nailed to the cross he didn't just take our worst sin, he became our worst sin and the holiness of Jesus Christ became our new identity.

### **Luke Baldwin - The Call For The Carriers of Glory (That's You and Me!)**

"God has a life for you that has been birthed right out of the atmosphere of Heaven. It holds your identity and purpose and is the key to walking in the same measure that Jesus walked in. In this hour there is a sound from Heaven that has been released. It is driving those with ears to hear into the secret place to encounter Him afresh and in unprecedented measures. This is the trumpet call for the groundswell of an awakening in the land."

John 14:6 (NIV) *Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*

### **Conclusion**

#### **Upcoming Messages:**

1/12-13/2013 – "A Vision of the Big "C" Church" (An Unstoppable Force Series)

1/19-20/2013 – "A Vision for VCNP"