

Eternal Destiny pt2

The Value of Identity



1 Pet 2:10/ Romans 1:17-32



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A. What is Destiny?

- Destiny is the path established by God for every individual before the foundation of the world that leads to the discovery of the essential purpose for their existence



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The path of Destiny Encompasses/Involves:

Potential

-The seeds of Self-Discovery

Identity

-Who am I

Purpose

-Why do I Exist

Defining Moments

-Life Altering Decisions



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- We cannot understand **DESTINY** if we don't understand the purpose for our existence
- We cannot understand **PURPOSE** if we don't know who we are (**IDENTITY**)



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Define Identity:

1. The etymology of **Identity** & **Identify** come from a M.Fr. *identite'*
 - **Means:** *sameness, oneness*
1. The collective set of *complex characteristics* that distinguishes who or what a person is



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Defining Properties (DP) – Complex Characteristics

1. Attributes that answer the obvious questions to *Who Am I?*

a. Name

b. Height

c. Color

d. Gender

e. Features..etc

*f. Behavior**



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Define Identifier:

- **Definition:** *A person or thing that establishes the identity of someone or something*



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God is Our Identifier

- God is the Source that has given mankind his **IDENTITY**.



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**3 important components Identity
Provides for the believer**

Credentials

Confidence

Courage



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3 Examples of People lacking these components

- **No Credentials** *-Sons of Sceva –*
Acts 19:13-16
- **No Confidence** *-Moses -*
Exodus 4:10-14
- **No Courage** *-Saul and Israel –*
I Samuel 17:11



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- *⁹ But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.*
- *¹⁰ "Once you had **no identity** as a people; now you are God's people.*
- *Once you received no mercy; now you have received God's mercy." (1 Pe 2:9-10)NLT*