Who Am I? The Teen Crisis Today

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Teen Problems Today

- Totally overwhelmed
- Breakdown of the family
- Pressure
- Social media
- Anxiety, sadness, depression
- Decline in Christianity

Those are symptoms but the real sickness is . . .

An Identity Crisis



The Danger of Feelings • I feel... guilty ashamed worthless unloved weak ugly lost

Bible Examples?

A New Identity



Galatians 3:26-27

26 So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, **27** for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

Romans 6:3-4

3 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? **4** We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

2 Corinthians 5:17-20

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! **18** All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.

WHO AM !??

Simul Justus et Peccator

At once Justified and Sinner



Colossians 3:1-4

1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

For you have died, and your life is

hidden with Christ in God COLOSSIANS 3:3



Bible Examples?

Feelings vs. Facts • I feel... unloved ■ guilty worthless weak alone anxious afraid

• I am ... loved innocent priceless strong connected reassured at peace



Focus on the <u>facts</u> first, and the <u>feelings</u> will follow.



Part 2: An Identity in Action

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

MARK 6:34

What Teens Want

- To be loved
- To be respected
- To be valued
- To communicate
- To be active with their faith
- To make a difference in the world & spiritually

What We Need to Work On

- The home, parents, FATHERS
- Catechism
- Early intervention in middle school
- Youth/Teen Group
- Treating like adults
- Opportunities to serve
- Giving a sense of purpose and mission
- Preparation for life


























































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