

## How to Avoid Identity Theft

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### Scripture References:

- Michah 7:19, *NLT*
- Galatians 5:1, *NLT*
- Romans 8:16, *NLT*
- Matthew 4:6
- Romans 5:15-18, *NLT*
- Psalm 51:5
- Colossians 3:4, 9, 10, *NLT*
- 1 John 4:17, *NLT*
- 1 John 4:17
- 1 John 3:20, 21
- 1 John 3:20, 21, *NLT*
- 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Colossians 3:3, *NLT*
- 1 Corinthians 6:17, *NLT*
- 1 Corinthians 1:30, *NLT*
- Ephesians 2:6, *NLT*
- 1 Corinthians 15:22
- Colossians 1:13

### Summary:

*The devil has always been a thief. As believers, we must be on the alert for his attacks; one of the first things he tries to steal that God gave us is who we are in Christ. He did this with Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, and unsuccessfully tried again with Jesus in the wilderness; he tries it with **us** through guilt, shame, and condemnation. We've been redeemed and made righteous and holy, not because of anything we do, but because of what Jesus already did. Confidence in our true identity keeps it from being stolen from us.*

### Notes:

1. We discover who we really are only through Christ; faith in Him makes us God's children.
2. Being born again makes us one with God; we receive new spirits and are heaven bound.
3. The enemy attacks our confidence in our identity; as God's children, we're just like Him. Because of Adam's sin, we're born spiritually dead; being born again is necessary for new life.
4. Adam brought death, but Jesus brings life; Satan doesn't want us to know our identity. The heavenly realm has preeminence over the physical realm because it gave birth to the physical world we live in now.
5. At its core, Christianity isn't about modifying our behavior but about regaining what was lost in the garden of Eden and developing a life-saving relationship with God.

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