

# Identity Theft

Who gets to define who you are?

## **2 Thess 2:9-12**

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***The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, 10 and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. 11 For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie 12 and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.***

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**WHO AM I?**

Really?




# Who defines who you are?

A biblical worldview  
says God has revealed  
the truth.

The post-modern view  
says there is no such  
thing as truth, you get  
to define it as you wish.







***Gen 1:27 So God created man  
in his own image, in the image  
of God he created him; male  
and female he created them.***



# Gen 1:26-28

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*Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth,<sup>b</sup> and over all the creatures that move along the ground."*

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*So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.*

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*God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."*



# God's incredible design!

We were all made in the likeness of God.

We are made MALE and FEMALE

We were made with a mandate to rule the earth.

We are made to be in God's family!



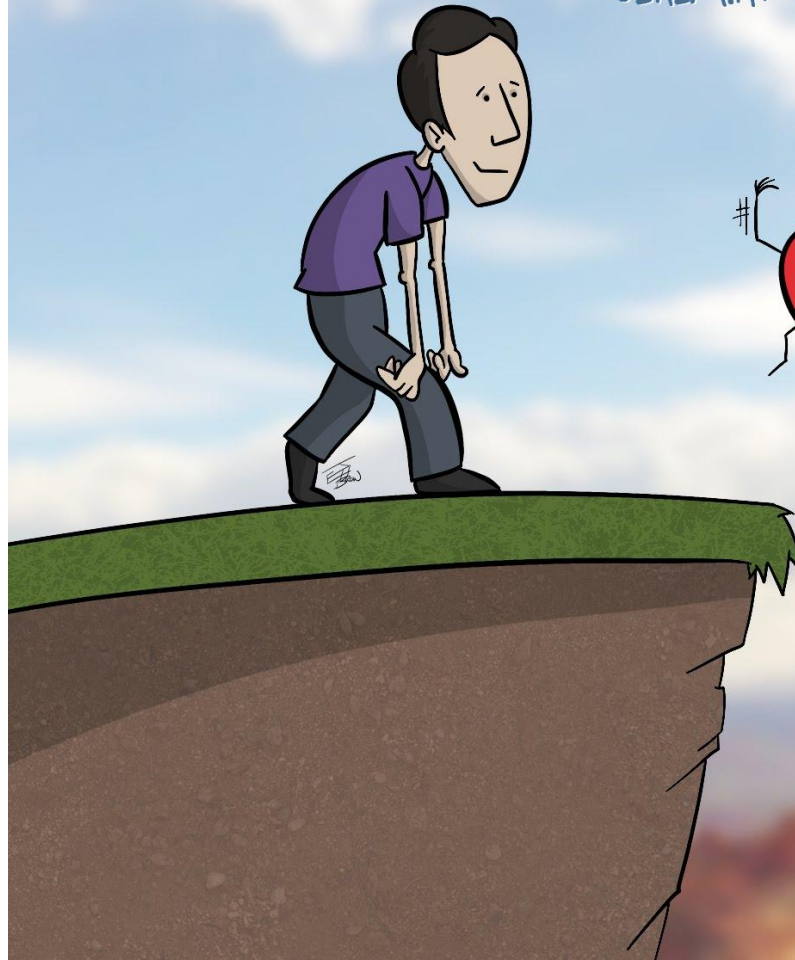
Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful  
from the time my mother conceived me.

Psalm 51:5



THE HEART IS DECEITFUL  
ABOVE ALL THINGS  
AND BEYOND CURE.  
WHO CAN UNDERSTAND IT?

JEREMIAH 17:9





*You shall know the truth,  
and the truth shall make you free.*

JOHN 8:32 NKJV (THE BIBLE)



# Worldviews

<b>Biblical (Revelation)</b>	<b>Materialist (Observation)</b>	<b>Post-Modern (Arbitrary)</b>
Truth is defined by God God tells us (reveals) the truth	Truth is defined by what we can observe and measure.	There is no objective truth. I get to decide what is true.
Truth lines up with reality because God made both	Spiritual reality is ruled out by definition.	Often is at odds with reality.
Results in alignment and fulfillment	Results in despair, nihilism, and human atrocity	Results in despair, chaos, self destruction





**The powerful delusion:**

There are no rules.

Just follow your heart.

Robin Williams





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***Prov 24:11 Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter. 12 If you say, "But we knew nothing about this," does not he who weighs the heart perceive it?***

The message  
of true hope!

***1 Cor 6:9 Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders 10 nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.***



***John 8:31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."***

***33 They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?"***

***34 Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. 35 Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.***



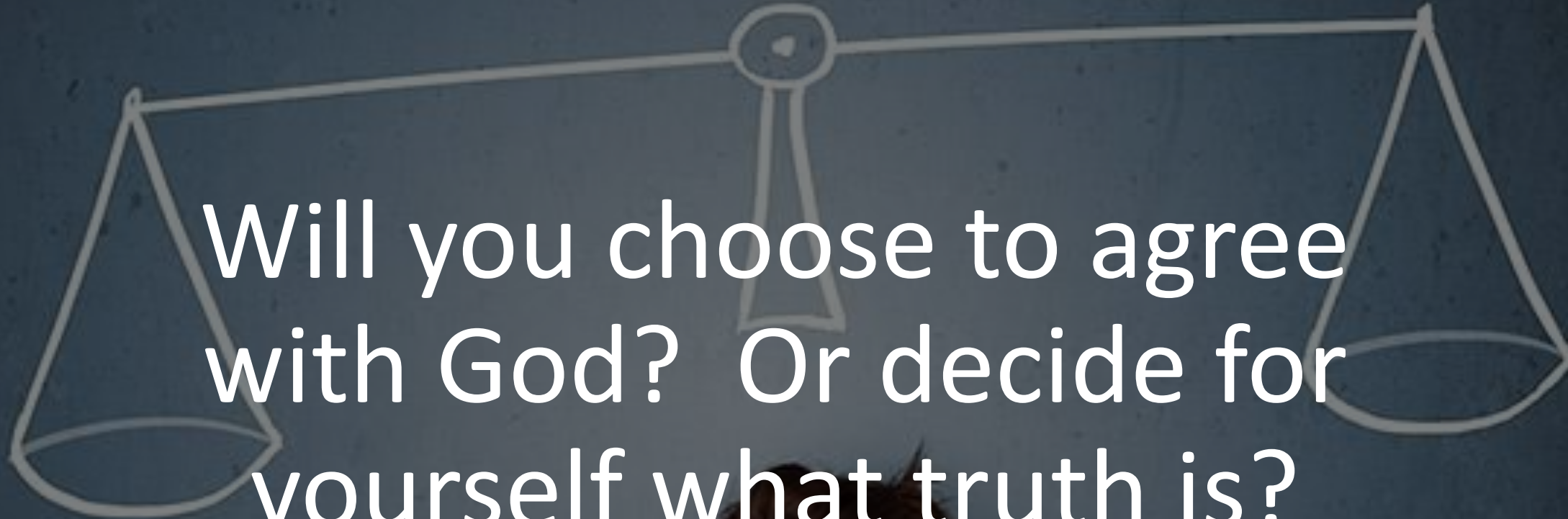
Getting a new identity –  
you need a new heart

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*Isa 64:6 All of us have become like  
one who is unclean, and all our  
righteous acts are like filthy rags; we  
all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the  
wind our sins sweep us away.*







Will you choose to agree  
with God? Or decide for  
yourself what truth is?





New heart

New start!

***Ezek 36:25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. 26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. 28 You will live in the land I gave your forefathers; you will be my people, and I will be your God.***



Get on the Autobahn of Grace!







Helping others get  
on the Autobahn  
of Grace!

Let them know Jesus saves us  
from all of our sin, past and  
future! (Heb 7:22 – 25)

Walk in Freedom! (Gal 5:1)

Walk as a someone who is  
alive! A child of God, a  
joint-heir with Christ! (Rom  
8:9-17)