

What is Your Identity?

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Introduction:

2001 film The Princess Diaries starring Anne Hathaway and Julia Andrews.

The plot from Wikipedia ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Princess_Diaries_\(film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Princess_Diaries_(film))):

[Mia Thermopolis](#) is a student at Grove High School residing with her single mother, Helen, in a refurbished [firehouse](#) in [San Francisco](#). Unpopular among her peers, Mia suffers from a fear of public speaking while harboring a crush on Josh Bryant, and is often teased by his popular girlfriend, Lana Thomas. Mia's only friends are social outcast Lilly Moscovitz and her older brother, Michael, who secretly harbors feelings for Mia.

Mia learns from her estranged paternal grandmother, Clarisse, that she is the sole heir to the small European kingdom of [Genovia](#), having inherited the throne from her recently deceased father, Philippe. Clarisse is determined to make Mia into a refined princess so that she may one day rule the kingdom over which Clarisse currently presides. **Overwhelmed by the discovery, Mia initially refuses** until her mother convinces her to attend her grandmother's "princess lessons" on the condition that she need not make her final decision until the Genovian Independence Day Ball in three weeks' time.

In the movie Mia has to come to grips with the new reality of who she was - her new identity.

What is your identity?

Examples of your "given" identity includes your **career or occupational choices, religion, hobbies, political affiliation, sexual orientation, and relationship status** etc. Core Identity: The innermost ring signifies the qualities that make you unique.

From:

<https://www.quora.com/What-is-the-definition-of-identity-How-can-knowing-our-true-identity-help-us-in-life>

Identity is all about who you are. It's the stuff that makes you, well, you. Your name, age, whether you're a guy or a gal, your beliefs, where you come from, and the roles you play in life – all that is part of your identity. Think of it as your "I," the you that you know in a familiar and safe space.

But There's More to It...

Now, beyond all those labels, there's something deeper. We can call it your "**true identity**." This is the you that was there even before you were born and will be there till the end. It's like the unchanging, core you.

[DD The above statement doesn't consider what God is doing with us. With God's Holy Spirit we become a NEW creature... a NEW creation. A NEW person!]

Why Does It Matter?

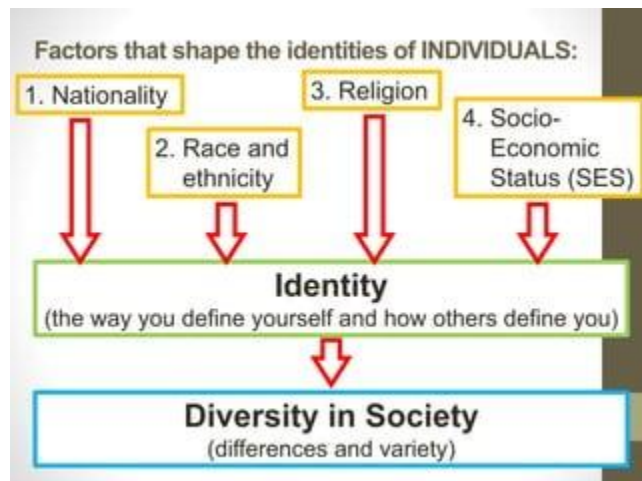
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1. **Be You:** It lets you be comfortable with yourself, boosting your confidence.
2. **Purpose:** It helps you figure out what you're really passionate about and what truly matters to you in life.
3. **Resilience:** It makes you stronger in tough times because you know who you are deep down.
4. **Real Relationships:** When you're true to yourself, you attract people who like you for who you really are, creating better, more genuine relationships.
5. **Less Stress:** You won't have to pretend to be someone you're not, which means less stress and inner conflict.

In simple terms, your true identity is like your inner GPS for life. It helps you stay on the right path and live a more genuine and peaceful life.

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Personal identity is **our concept of how we think of ourselves**. This involves factors that we can control — like our decisions or interests — and those we can't — such as our families and race. Our personal identity is how we perceive ourselves, but our social identity is how others perceive us.



NOTE how religion impacts a person's identity.

What I perceive is that there is tug of war going on in the newly converted Christian because of the change in their CORE or TRUE identity.

### Specific Purpose of this Message

Today we're going to look at the NEW CORE (TRUE) identity that God has given us when He gives us His Holy Spirit.

### Need:

By embracing this new CORE identity we can truly grow into the person God wants us to be!

Some concepts of self that are impacted when God calls us:

Son of God  
Brother of Christ  
Co-heir  
Friend of Christ  
Servant of God  
Disciple of Christ  
Bride of Christ  
Teacher of God's way  
Model/example of Jesus

Let's look at a few of these:

### **Son of God**

John 1:10 KJV - He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

John 1:11 KJV - He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

John 1:12 KJV - But as many as received him, **to them gave he power to become the sons of God**, [even] to them that believe on his name:

John 1:13 KJV - Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

### **Begotten Child of God:**

1 Peter 1:3 KJV - Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

1 John 5:1 KJV - Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.

1 John 5:18 KJV - We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

Revelation 1:5 KJV - And from Jesus Christ, [who is] the faithful witness, [and] the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

### **Co-heir**

Ephesians 1:11 KJV - In whom also **we have obtained an inheritance**, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

The next verses will expand on this!

The role of the Holy Spirit in our identity and putting the pieces together that form our NEW CORE Identity:

Romans 8:9 KJV - But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Romans 8:10 KJV - And if Christ [be] in you, the body [is] dead because of sin; but the Spirit [is] life because of righteousness.

Romans 8:11 KJV - But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Romans 8:12 KJV - Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

Romans 8:13 KJV - For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

Romans 8:14 KJV - **For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.**

Romans 8:15 KJV - For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

NLT: So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children.[fn] Now we call him, "Abba, Father." fn=Greek *you received a spirit of sonship*

Romans 8:16 KJV - The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that **we are the children of God:**

Romans 8:17 KJV - **And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ;** if so be that we suffer with [him], that we may be also glorified together.

Galatians 3:26 NLT - For **you are all children of God** through faith in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:27 NLT - And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes.

Galatians 3:28 NLT - There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:29 NLT - And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. **You are his heirs**, and God's promise to Abraham belongs to you.

Hebrews 1:1 NLT - Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets.

Hebrews 1:2 NLT - And now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son.

**God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance**, and through the Son he created the universe.

Everything? Yes!

Psalms 8:6 KJV - Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all [things] under his feet:

1 Corinthians 15:27 KJV - For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under [him, it is] manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.

Ephesians 1:22 KJV - And hath put all [things] under his feet, and gave him [to be] the head over all [things] to the church,

Hebrews 2:8 KJV - Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing [that is] not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him.

Hebrews 1:3 NLT - The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command. When he had cleansed us from our sins, he sat down in the place of honor at the right hand of the majestic God in heaven.

Hebrews 1:4 NLT - This shows that the Son is far greater than the angels, just as the name God gave him is greater than their names.

Hebrews 1:5 NLT - For God never said to any angel what he said to Jesus: **"You are my Son. Today I have become your Father."** God also said, **"I will be his Father, and he will be my Son."**

Hebrews 1:6 NLT - And when he brought his supreme Son into the world, God said, "Let all of God's angels worship him."

Hebrews 1:7 NLT - Regarding the angels, he says, "He sends his angels like the winds, his servants like flames of fire."

Hebrews 1:8 NLT - But to the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever. You rule with a scepter of justice.

Hebrews 1:9 NLT - You love justice and hate evil. Therefore, O God, your God has anointed you, pouring out the oil of joy on you more than on anyone else."

### **And we are co-heirs with Christ!**

Romans 8:18 KJV - For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time [are] not worthy [to be compared] with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Romans 8:19 KJV - For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

Romans 8:20 KJV - For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected [the same] in hope,

Romans 8:21 KJV - Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Romans 8:22 KJV - For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

Romans 8:23 KJV - And not only [they], but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, [to wit], the redemption of our body.

Romans 8:22 NLT - For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

Romans 8:23 NLT - And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us.

Conclusion:

By embracing the new person God is creating within us we can achieve a new level of peace:

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