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Knowing Your True Identity

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. —Luke 2:11

- The Word *Lord* in this scripture means *God Almighty*.
- Jesus didn't grow into becoming God; He was born God—in Spirit, 100% God; body, 100% man.
- I've (Andrew) been wondering how Jesus, in His mind, came to realize He was God.
- There's really no way for us to know how He knew He was God.

And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it. But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. —2:42-44

- It would've been hard to accept this was a virgin birth, and in those days, pregnancy out of wedlock carried a much worse stigma than now.
- According to these verses, His kinfolk and acquaintances accepted Jesus.

And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. —Luke 2:46

- It's amazing that Jesus was receiving instruction from those He created:

For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: —Colossians 1:16

- God the Father created through Jesus, but Jesus created everything that was created.
- It boggles the mind that He was God in His Spirit, but He had to be educated in His mind.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man. —Luke 2:52

- He was Lord in His Spirit at birth but physically (body and mind) had to grow.
- At 12 years old, He told them He had to be about His Father's business (Lk. 2:49), and He was not talking about Joseph's business.
- So, at 12, Jesus had a revelation that He was God and the Messiah.
- He created John the Baptist yet submitted to John in baptism, and John immediately recognized who Jesus was.

John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire: —Luke 3:16

And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased. —Luke 3:22

- The Holy Spirit descended in a bodily shape like a dove, and God said, in front of all those people that Jesus was His Son.
- Immediately after His baptism, Jesus was driven into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.
- Two of the three temptations, Satan began with “**if** You are the Son of God.”
- Satan wasn’t expressing his doubt; he knew Jesus was the Son of God.
- He was trying to get Jesus to doubt.
- Sometime between His birth and His ministry Jesus accepted that He was God and the Messiah.
- I’m sure His Spirit was bearing witness with Him, so He didn’t have to come up with it on His own, but He had to accept this in His mind—by faith.

And the devil said unto him, if thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread. — Luke 4:3

- It wouldn’t have been sin for Jesus to do this, but God had just said Jesus was His Son.
- Was He to go by what God said or go by looking at the physical, natural realm?
- It would’ve been sin for Him to do it for selfish reasons.
- The application of this is that we are not God on the inside, but we have a born-again spirit, and the works Jesus did, we can do—and even greater (Jn. 14:12).
- We have a witness inside and have it in writing that God is with us and will never leave us.
- But in the natural at times, it may look like He isn’t with us. It may look like we aren’t healed.
- As with Jesus, Satan tries to get us to doubt our identity with what it looks like in the natural.
- We have a choice just like Jesus did whether to believe who we are.
- Every time Jesus was tempted, He answered with “**It is written**” and quoted Scripture.

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. —Hebrews 4:15

- Jesus may not have had the exact temptation (e.g., watching an X-rated movie, etc.), but every sin falls into one of the three categories He was tempted in.

For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. —1 John 2:16

- Satan is trying to get us to deal with things in the flesh.
- People tend to depend on their own abilities, but Romans 8:8 says, “**So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.**”
- What this means is, even if what you are trying to do is the right thing, if you do it in the flesh, it doesn’t please God (example: Abraham & Hagar).