

How Does the Gospel Intersect With Everyday Life?



Who Am I?



Factors Affecting Identity



Agents of Socialization (people or groups that influence your self-concept, emotions, attitudes, and behaviors).

- Family
- Neighborhood
- Peer groups – individuals of roughly the same age with the same interests
- What you do for a job or your career

Agents of Socialization are very important, because they determine our **social status**.

Social Status



- **Social Status** – the position in society that a person occupies. The position may carry a great deal of prestige, or be a position of low honor.
- Three Types of Social Status:
 - 1) **Ascribed status** – involuntary (sex, race, gender, family origin, ethnic background)
 - 2) **Achieved Status** – earned (Olympic athlete, doctor, business owner – criminal, child molester, racist)
 - 3) **Master Status** – can be either earned or achieved, but cuts across the other statuses you hold.

Master Status



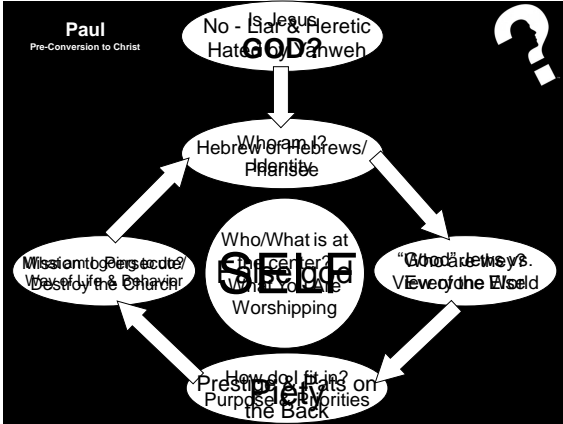
- Master Status is a socially defined position occupied by a person in society that is very important in shaping his or her self-concept and life choices.
- The master status is the most important constituent in the architecture of an individual's identity.
- In self-perception (i.e. – how a person sees themselves), an individual's master status supersedes his other identifying traits; for example, if a woman feels that her role as a mother is more important than her role as a woman, a daughter, a wife, and an American, she is more likely to label herself first as a mother, to behave as a mother, and to identify with other women who label themselves as such.
- The master status affects what the individual thinks, says, and how they behave *in almost every given situation!*

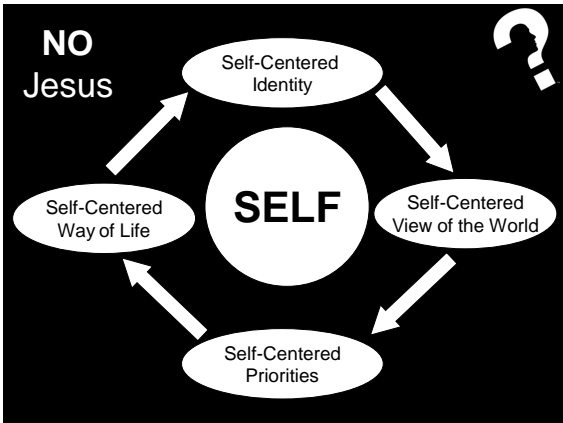
Philippians 3:1-3



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- 1 Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you.
- 2 Watch out for those dogs, those men who do evil, those mutilators of the flesh.
- 3 For it is we who are the circumcision, we who worship by the Spirit of God, who glory in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh—
- 4 though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more:
- 5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee;
- 6 as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless.

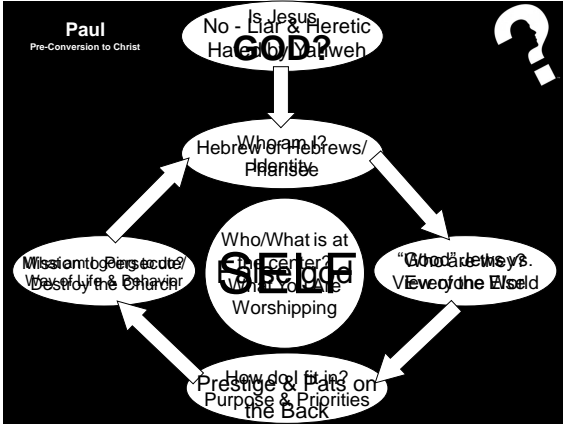


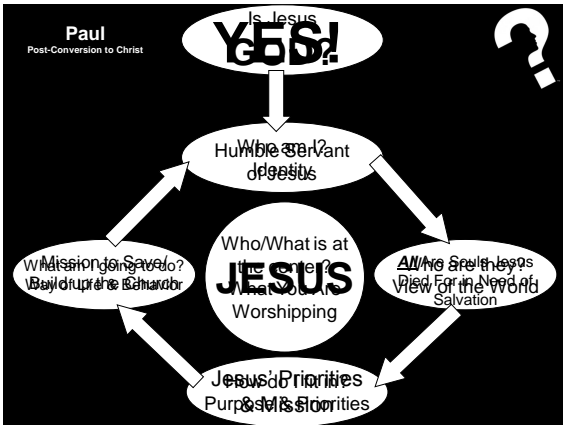


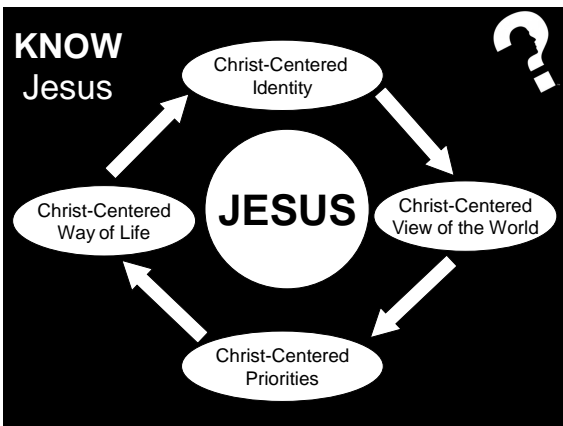
Acts 9:1-6

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- 1 Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest
- 2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem.
- 3 As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.
- 4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"
- 5 "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied.
- 6 "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."







Philippians 3:7-8



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7 But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.

8 What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ

Philippians 3:8c-9



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9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ-- the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith.

Philippians 3:10-14



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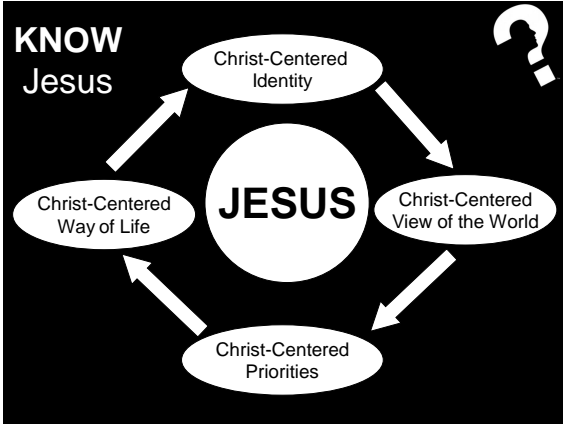
10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,

11 and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

13 Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,

14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.



Philippians 3:15-21

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15 All of us who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you.

16 Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

17 Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you.

18 For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things.

19 But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,

20 who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

