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## **WOMEN OF THE BIBLE AND THE IDENTITY OF THE CHURCH**

### **Part Two:**

*Read the Gospel of John Chapter Eight verses 1-11:*

The woman from our earlier reference is taken in the very act of adultery. Private investigator preachers trying to make sure everyone is doing right, trying to be the Holy Spirit in every one's life. Self-righteousness and improper judgment has gotten many preachers to the place where they love God but can't stand His people.

*(Eph 3:20 KJV) Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. In you right now is everything you will ever need. Some of you think you have to do. No, you have to believe. Fear is the opposite of love. Fear causes you to think there is lack and there is no such thing as lack, and we are not referring to money. Before God ever created a man He created the provision for man. He created the earth with all the fullness. When you begin to understand His unconditional love, you will let go of your fear. Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God.*

Many labor under such a sense of inferiority and insecurity and have learned to mask it well by saying all the right things and doing all the right things. Many have learned to carry themselves well, to intimidate others and those that intimidate them when really most people who intimidate others are insecure and the reason they intimidate others and are insecure is because they are secure in the wrong thing. They don't understand who they are but are trying to understand who they are in

everybody else. They are looking in the mirror of other people's faces rather than looking in the mirror of the Word, in the perfect law of liberty.

If you want to change, if you want to stop doing the things that bring guilt and condemnation upon you, you are not going to stop it by praying and fasting. Titus 2:11,12; *For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world.* It is the grace of God not your personal discipline. The grace of God teaches us not the law of God. It is the enablement of God to do what I cannot produce myself.

She is taken in the very act of adultery and the men stand around her with stones because the Law of Moses says that she is to be stoned. They are all standing there with their own broken pieces of the law and Jesus stoops down. Remember we discussed how every movement and every gesture of Jesus had prophetic implication? When He stooped down two thousand years ago in this Kangaroo court that was called by these religious (fanatics, intolerant, self-righteous preachers), when He stooped down, it was not the first time He stooped down. In fact He does it twice in this scripture. The first time He stooped down and put His fingerprint on something because that's what He did when He put His finger in the dirt and began to write.

We may miss the real issue; remember He is not a condemning God. Many think He wrote in the sand all the sins of those that were standing around, because that's what we would do and we have become like the god we believe in. Many do not know the difference between Church and God. He stooped down twice in this text but the first time He ever stooped down was in a garden in the book of Genesis. What does that mean? He was so desperate to have someone in His image and be free from the imaginations that bring all the condemnations that He who was the Son of God became the Son of man that we who are the sons of men could become the sons of God.

He stooped down I could not go to Him so He came to me, (2 Cor 8:9 KJV) *For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.* In my weakness His strength is made perfect, it was the divine exchange. We have to understand it's not about us but about Him! What do you think He wrote? If you have a check in your checkbook it is worthless until it bears your signature.

If you will see in your mind the word signature you will see phonetically it means to sign a nature. So He stooped into the cursed earth of her

existence. He didn't see who she was but saw who she was in her because when he lifted Himself up, when He got up it was she and He alone. "Where are thine accusers?" With the finger of God He wrote the commandments on tables of stone in a mountain. It is with the finger of God when He imprints you and you lose your self-image and find your identity in Him.

Every day there is a courtroom set up by you in your mind. You are a moving mobile courtroom and there are accusers that are there, ever present in your consciousness every waking hour and those accusers have all kinds of real evidence against you. The district attorney who is employed by the state is determined to prosecute you to the fullest extent of the law. He approaches the judge without realizing that the judge is your Father and your attorney is your advocate Jesus who has been kept on retainer for two thousand years. *(1 John 1:9 KJV) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

What we need to do is let our woman, in other words, let our mind keep quiet and shut up. We need to stop implicating ourselves. Many are even willing to confess things they are not even guilty of because they thought it. Some even feel guilty for not feeling guilty or worry that they are not worrying. We need to stop focusing on ourselves and look to Him. We need to let Jesus who is our righteousness be formed in us. You will never change through personal discipline, you only change as you behold Him, *(2 Cor 3:18 KJV) But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

Your attorney will step up if you learn to keep silent and not condemn yourself. He'll say, "Your Honor I just want to say all the evidence that has been handed against my client can be handled and easily understood if we just see that what we have here is a case of mistaken identity". If you will just take a simple DNA test you will discover that he has my DNA. Some of us have been asleep way to long. We need to *awake unto righteousness and sin no more*. If we are able ministers of the New Covenant then we must begin to preach this to God's people.

The problem is that if we are bound with the generational curses that have kept us bound and in Egypt so long its because we have been in the wilderness so long it is hard to think beyond our condition and the past pain and fleshly desires of Egypt. They ate manna (what is it), for so long and didn't know what it was. They are running around asking what's wrong with me? It's not about you but about what He did. You may be wondering what Jesus is going to do in the future; He's already done everything He's every going to do. When He cried, "*it is finished*," it was

finished! It's not about where we're going but where we've come from because when He cried *it is finished*, I was in Him when He said that.

*(Gal. 2:20,21); I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.*

At this point some would ask, "Are you not giving people a license to sin?" No, they sin quite well without one. They don't need a license. Did you notice He didn't say to her, "thy sins (plural) are forgiven" but the sin? Have you noticed over and over again in scripture He says thy sin not thy sins? Most of us think that it is our sins that are our problems. Our sins are only symptoms. So we go around the tree and try to get rid of all the imperfect fruit. Feverishly trying to get rid of things in our behavior, in our personalities, in the little idiosyncracies we have the propensities we have to do things to think things to get caught up in things so if I can just get rid of all that – but those are symptoms.

What is the sin? Really there is only one lie that has ever been told. That's why we believe a lie and are damned. That lie started in the Garden when the woman, another woman, (another condition of the Church) entertained the lie in her mind. This is not a gender issue because "if any man be in Christ," in Christ is neither man nor female, neither bond nor free, so let's get over this.

The real woman, (if you are able to hear), is in all of us and she is between our ears. My soul does make her, (feminine), boast in the Lord. The soul is feminine. *(1 Pet 1:13 KJV) Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.* The loins speak of conception. *(James 1:13,14,15 KJV) Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.*

It is a feminine thing for there is a woman in all of us it is the mind that is running up and down every dark alley it can trying to find something that will satisfy and bring acceptance to it, that's the way the mind works. Once again this is not a gender issue. That's why you need to tell the woman to keep silent in the Church (not when you go into a building designated as a Church) because you are the Church. Tell the woman, the mind that is trying to conceive things that are illegitimate to keep

quiet. *(Zec 2:13 KJV) Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD: for he is raised up out of his holy habitation.*

Be silent in the Church and learn from your husband, (1 Cor. 14:34,35). Do you know who your husband is? Do you know who is the lover of your soul? Many have been receiving seed from the wrong men. The child of the flesh shall grow up and mock the child of the Spirit. *(Gal 5:17 KJV) For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.* We can end that warfare if we will cast the bondwoman out with her child, (what she produced).

Some of us need to know that you have been divorced from something. He wrote a bill of divorcement for you from the law so that you could be married to another man. Some of us need to know that our first husband, the old man, (Adam), is dead and gone and buried in Baptism. Some need to stop living in denial acting as though he's still alive. It not about how much more dead you can get, "oh if I can just die some more. If I can just die to this and die to that and you can't ever get dead to it you are trying to crucify yourself when in Him you've already been crucified. *(Gal 2:20 KJV) I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*

God is calling us to people who are different from ourselves. If we only love people who are like us then we do not know what love is. When you love someone there is nothing they can do about it. They may not receive your love but that doesn't change your love if it is truly love. Not knowing who we are in Christ and trying to live in our self-images has made us afraid of relationships.

Spiritual authority has nothing to do with dominating you or getting you to do what I think you should do. It has nothing to do with being smarter or more gifted; it is the opportunity and position for service. The greatest in the Kingdom are servants of all. It is a shame and the mark of immaturity in the Church that saints identify who they are by their gifting trying to gain their acceptance from men. They hear the words but do not really know that we are all *chosen in Him from the foundation of the world.*

Our existence did not start at birth but we have eternally existed in God. *(Rom 8:29 KJV) For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.* There is a groaning in the earth waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God. Those who know their identity, those

who do not want to be someone else but take on the nature prepared for them.

### **Addendum – Seeing Yourself in Him**

In Him – Not mental knowledge but intimate relationship.

Reflect on the following “in Christ” scriptures as you being in Christ scriptures or in other words as they are only activated by you recognizing yourself in Him and cannot be operational in your life if you do not see yourself as God sees you. For example: *In Him was life*, I only have life in Him or *that we might be made the righteousness of God in him*, if I do not understand by relationship (not with mental knowledge), that I am in Him we will not be made the righteousness of God.

The Bible is not so much a book of judgment, laws, heaven or hell etc. but a book about knowing God and His Son Jesus. If we only use it in a religious sense to escape hell or find heaven we can see the gift without ever really knowing or understanding the giver.

I have no death In Him: *I have found no cause of death in him:*

Only in Him do I have life and light: *In him was life; and the life was the light of men.*

What we call believing is only belief and can only bring life if we are in Him: *That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.*

The people and religious minds believed that Jesus had power and performed miracles but they did not believe because they were not in Him. *(John 7:5 KJV) For neither did his brethren believe in him.* To find the Father we must be in Him. *(John 10:38b KJV) that you might know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him. (John 13:31b KJV) Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him.*

Only in Him are we productive: *(John 15:5 KJV) I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.*

We have no fault and will not find fault in others if we are in Him: *(John 18:38c KJV) I find in him no fault at all.*

Only if we find our identity in Jesus can we find salvation, (not the religion's concept of escaping hell fire). Only in Jesus will we find our life our destiny our future, our peace, our freedom from guilt and fear, our true nature our deliverance from self-image, our righteousness. Only in Him can I have the following:

*(Acts 10:43b KJV) whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins. (Acts 17:28a KJV) For in him we live, and move, and have our being;*

*(Rom 15:12b KJV) in him shall the Gentiles trust.*

*(2 Cor 1:20 KJV) For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.*

*(2 Cor 5:21 KJV) For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

*(2 Cor 13:4b KJV) For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him by the power of God toward you.*

*(Eph 1:4 KJV) According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:*

*(Eph 1:10 KJV) That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:*

*(Phil 3:9 KJV) And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:*

*(Col 1:19 KJV) For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;*

*(Col 2:6 KJV) As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:*

*(Col 2:7 KJV) Rooted and built up in him,*

*(Col 2:9 KJV) For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.*

*(Col 2:10 KJV) And ye are complete in him,*

*(Heb 10:38 KJV) Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.*

*(1 John 1:5 KJV) This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.*

*(1 John 2:5 KJV) But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.*

*(1 John 2:6 KJV) He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.*

*(1 John 2:10 KJV) He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.*

*(1 John 2:28 KJV) And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.*

*(1 John 3:3 KJV) And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.*

*(1 John 3:5 KJV) And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.*

*(1 John 3:6 KJV) Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.*

*(1 John 3:9 KJV) Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.*

*(1 John 4:13 KJV) Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.*

*(1 John 4:15 KJV) Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.*

*(1 John 5:14 KJV) And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:*

### **Righteousness**

Understanding our righteousness cannot come from what we do but only from Him, by Him and in Him.

*(Rom 1:17 KJV) For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.*

*(Rom 2:26 KJV) Therefore if the uncircumcision keep the righteousness of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision?*

*(Rom 3:5 KJV) But if our unrighteousness commend the righteousness of God, what shall we say? Is God unrighteous who taketh vengeance? (I speak as a man)*

*(Rom 3:21 KJV) But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;*

*(Rom 3:22 KJV) Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:*

*(Rom 4:11 KJV) And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also:*

*(Rom 4:13 KJV) For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.*

*(Rom 5:18 KJV) Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.*

*(Rom 8:4 KJV) That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*

*(Rom 9:30 KJV) What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith.*

*(Rom 10:3 KJV) For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.*

*(Rom 10:5 KJV) For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.*

*(Rom 10:6 KJV) But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)*

*(2 Cor 5:21 KJV) For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

*(Phil 3:6 KJV) Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.*

*(Phil 3:9 KJV) And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:*

*(Heb 11:7 KJV) By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.*

*(James 1:20 KJV) For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.*

*(2 Pet 1:1 KJV) Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:*

*(Rev 19:8 KJV) And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.*

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