

Certainty... in a world of doubt

The Gospel of Luke

desert breeze
community church



Saturday & Sunday, January 21/22, 2017 Ray Davis

“Unshakable Identity” Luke 2:39-52, 3:21-23

Everyone is building their identity (meaning/purpose) on something. Building our lives on anything other than God not only hurts us if we don't get the desires of our heart but even if we do because it'll never be enough.

Luke wrote this gospel to show us that the life of Jesus is not just a historical fact but we can have a relationship with God through Jesus as a daily reality. The two incidents we are looking at early in the life of Jesus have a common thread and that is the identity of Jesus.

The Unshakable Identity of...

The 12 year old Jesus Luke 2:39-52

In this Biblical culture when a boy turned 13 it was expected of him to assume adult responsibilities. So, the year that he was 12 he entered into an intensive time of training and his father would apprentice Him in his calling as an adult man (vocationally, relationally, spiritually).

- Identity development must begin early. V40; Pro22:6
- As a parent, if your identity isn't in Christ, you will look for it in your children. V48
- Our relationship with God transcends all other relationships. V49
- The goal of parenting isn't behavioral modification but heart transformation. Eph6:1-4
- Whatever rules your child's heart will control his behavior. Vv51-52; Pro4:23

The 30 year old Jesus Luke 3:21-23

- Identity development must continue to be nurtured throughout our lives. V21; Luke 4:42
- By knowing our God given identity illuminated by the Holy Spirit. V22; Eph1:17-18; 4:18
- Your identity will either make you or break you in life and ministry. V23; Luke4:1-13

The Followers of Jesus

Luke 3:22 “You are my beloved son; with you I am well pleased.”

- Your identity won't be healed until these words are ringing in your soul. V22
- Three things this Identity in Christ means:
 - ✓ Unparalleled Status “You are my...son” Rom8:14-17
 - ✓ Uncompromised Security “beloved son” Isa49:15
 - ✓ Unbelievable Satisfaction “with you I am well pleased.” Zeph3:17; Ps16:11
- Because Jesus prayed, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” we can cry with confidence, “Abba, Father” (“My Daddy”)! Matt27:46; Ps22:1; 2Cor5:21

Growing Notes

- 1) Everyone is building their identity (meaning/purpose) on something. Explain. Why is building your identity on anything other than God unstable? What are some signs of a misplaced identity?
- 2) Read Luke 2:39-52, 3:21-23. What stands out to you from this text? Retell in your own words the two incidents we are looking at in this study that were early in the life of Jesus that have a common thread of identity. Don't hesitate to go back to the text to make sure you haven't missed any details.
- 3) Review the application statements & cross reference under The Unshakable Identity of 12 Year Old Jesus. Which one(s) are most comforting? Convicting? Do the same thing with The Unshakable Identity of 30 Year Old Jesus.
- 4) What does it mean and why is it so important for Followers of Jesus to have these words (v22 “You are my beloved...”) ringing in our soul? What three things does this identity in Christ mean? What difference would it make if you really believed this? How did Jesus make this possible (Matt27:46; 2Cor5:21)? Pray that the Holy Spirit will make it real to your heart (Eph1:17-18; 4:18).