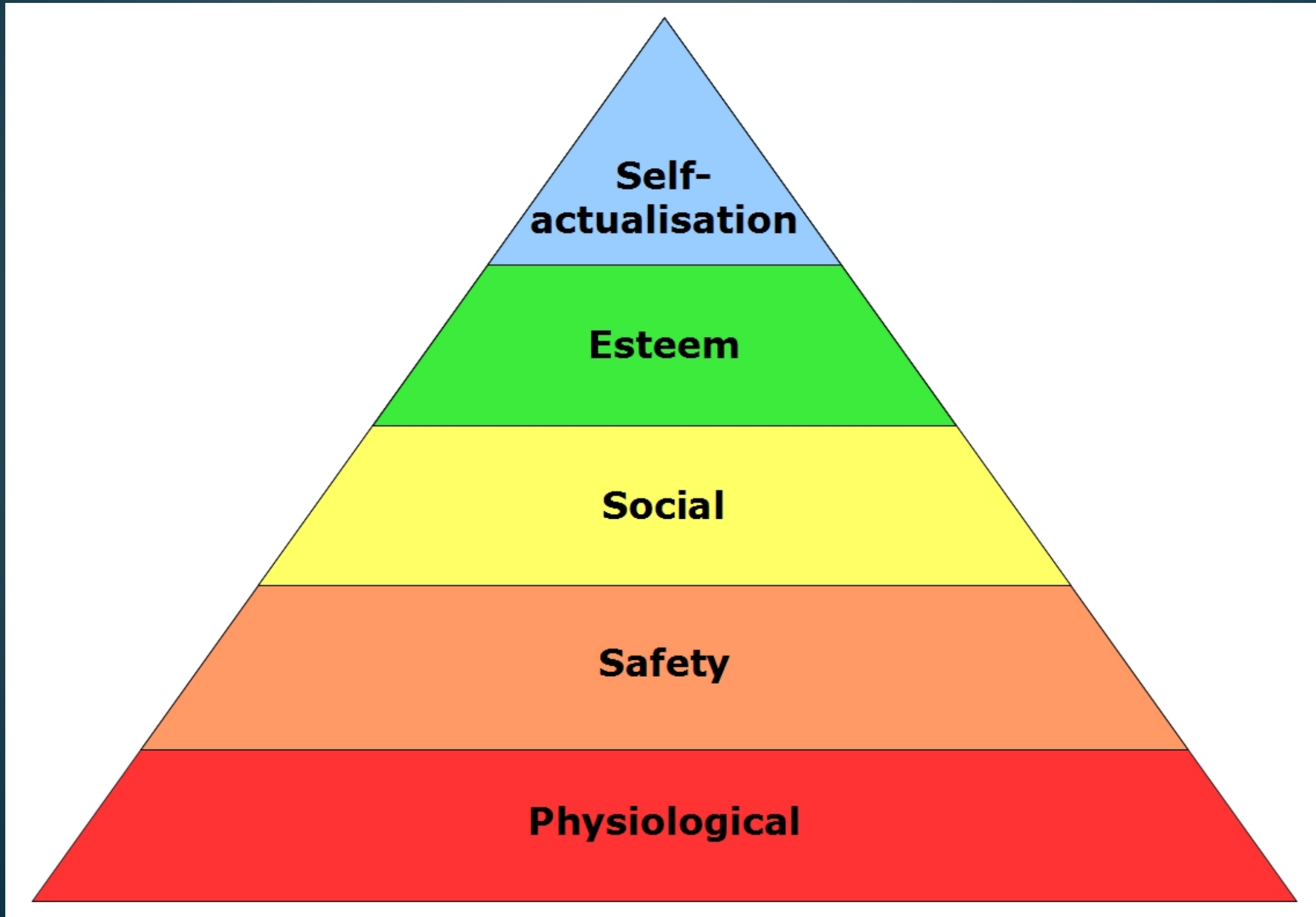


# Maslow's Hierarchy Of Needs







go find yourself.



**"I love myself,  
I believe in myself,  
I am proud of myself,  
I'm a genius!"**

# Introduction:

## The Need For Humility

- **Romans 12:3** *For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.*
- **Proverbs 16:18** *Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before stumbling.*
- **Isaiah 66:2** *"For My hand made all these things, Thus all these things came into being," declares the LORD. "But to this one I will look, To him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word.*

## Introduction:

### Also Boldness, Confidence, Standing Firm

- **Proverbs 28:1** *The wicked flee when no one is pursuing, But the righteous are bold as a lion.*
- **2 Timothy 1:7** *For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.*
- **1 Corinthians 16:13** *Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong*
- **How Can Both Be True?**
- **Is It About Balance?**

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- **1 Thessalonians 5:12-13** *But we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction, (13) and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another.*



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- Self?
  - Philippians 3:3-7
  - Philippians 4:13 *I can do all things...*  
*...through Him who strengthens me.*



# Christ Self-Esteem

*our adequacy is from God*  
*2 Corinthians 3:5b*

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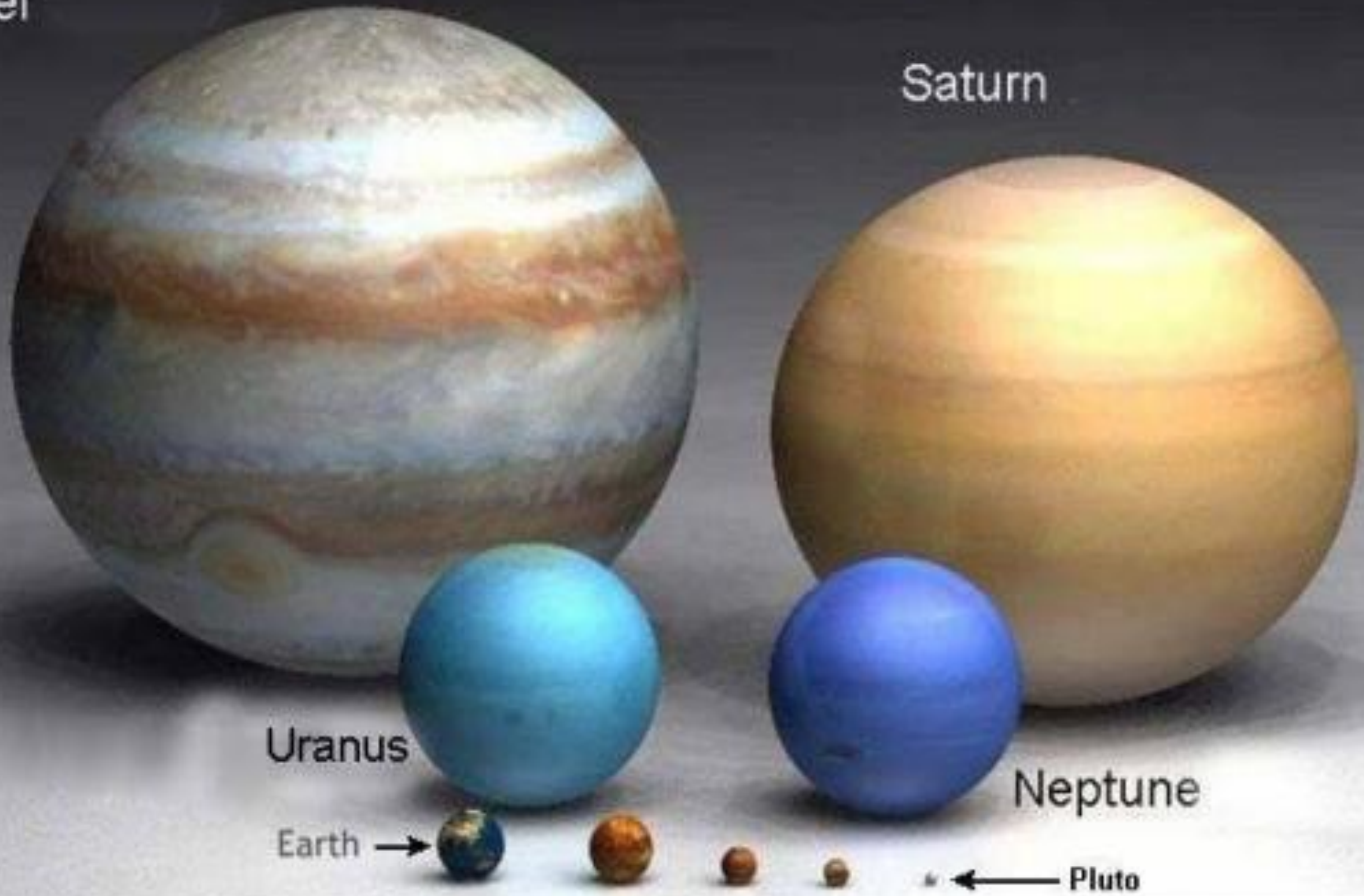
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- **Genesis 1:26** *Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."*
- **Our Value Comes From Our Godlikeness**
- **1 Corinthians 12:14-18**



## II. A New Identity

- **Galatians 2:20** *"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.*
- **2 Corinthians 5:14-15** *For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; (15) and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.*

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- **Matthew 11:28-30** *"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. (29) "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. (30) "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."*
- **Romans 8:15** *For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"*

## II. A New Identity

- **2 Corinthians 3:4-6** *Such confidence we have through Christ toward God. (5) Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God, (6) who also made us adequate as servants of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.*
- **2 Corinthians 5:17** *Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.*



## II. A New Identity

- **1 Peter 2:9** *But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;*
- **1 John 3:1** *See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.*

### III. A Stronger Power

- **Joshua 1:9** *"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."*
- **Psalms 145:18** *The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth.*

### III. A Stronger Power

- **Romans 8:31-39**
- **Philippians 4:13** *I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.*
- **1 John 4:4** *You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.*



## IV. The Ability To Boast

- **Psalm 20:7** *Some boast in chariots and some in horses, But we will boast in the name of the LORD, our God.*
- **Jeremiah 9:23-24** *Thus says the LORD, "Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; (24) but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things," declares the LORD.*

## IV. The Ability To Boast

- **2 Corinthians 10:12-18**
- **Galatians 6:14** *But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.*

## V. A Great Confidence

- **1 John 2:28** *Now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming.*
- **1 John 4:15-17** *Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. (16) We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. (17) By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world.*
- **1 John 5:14** *This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.*



# Conclusion

- Christ Emptied Himself For Us, We Are To Empty Ourselves For Him
- Christ Is Your New Identity
- Not An Overnight Change
- John The Baptizer – John 3:26-30  
*"He must increase, but I must decrease."*
- "None Of Self And All Of Thee"