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I Corinthians 13:12 – ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly lit, but then face to face.

Our perceptions of ourselves are defined by what we see in a dimly lit mirror.

There are three identity reflections that lead to destruction:

- The identity of comparison
- The identity of my past
- The false identity of god

Why were the sinful and broken drawn to Jesus and today often feel repelled by the church?

James 1:23-25 – ²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵ But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues with permanence to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it — he will be blessed in what he does.

We must reject the reflection of lies and continue in the reflection of freedom. It's not earned but rather it's God's word that gives freedom.

Romans 12:2 – ² And do not be conformed or squeezed into the mold of this world, but be transformed by the renewing or renovation of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Jesus didn't come to conform you or squeeze you into a mold through a set of rules. He came to transform and empower you to live a life of freedom.

John 8:2-12 – ² At dawn Jesus appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. ³ The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group ⁴ and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. ⁵ In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" ⁶

They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. ⁷ When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." ⁸ Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. ⁹ At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left alone, with the woman still standing there. ¹⁰ Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" ¹¹ "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin." ¹² When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8:36 – ³⁶ Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall most certainly be completely free.