

**“BEING A RESTORED HUMAN”**

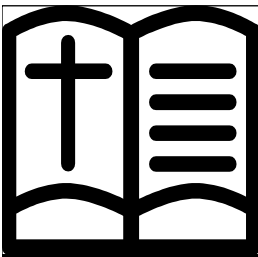
**“LIVING THE SPIRIT-EMPOWERED LIFE”  
“WHO ARE YOU? THE POWER OF IDENTITY”**

**I. “I was...”**

- A. ...in the image of Adam, living in the law of sin and death, doomed to die
- B. ...dead in trespasses and sins; slave of Satan; child of wrath
- C. ...without a Messiah, an alien from the commonwealth of Israel, a stranger to the covenants and promises, without hope and without God
- D. ...useless thinking, my understanding darkened, alienated from the life of God, hardened heart, past feeling, given over to my passions
- E. ...alienated and an enemy of God in my mind through wicked works
- F. ...conceived in iniquity, born in sin

**But then God, in His eternal love and diligent grace, sought me out, convicted me of my ways and showed me His Son, the crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ. Brokenness rendered me hopelessly helpless, contrite, poverty-stricken. Faith was conceived, love flooded my soul and I was changed!**

**II. “I am...”**



A. *God's special work*

1. *Redeemed from EVERY lawless deed*
2. *Purified to be in union with Him*
3. *Fully forgiven, totally accepted in Christ*
4. *Transformed!*

B. *Child of God - literally!*

1. *Old man crucified - unplugged*
2. *New man formed in us*
  - a. *In the image of Christ, the image of God*
  - b. *Total download of the divine nature in us*
  - c. *Fully equipped for life and godliness*

C. *In a full maturity plan and on track to be a son of God*

1. *Looking forward to our adoption, the redemption of our bodies*
2. *Without condemnation as we walk child-like, with all the childish mistakes even bad behavior along the way*
3. *In training for the leadership we will share with the Lord Jesus Christ in that day*
4. *Complete and full access to the Spirit of God who completes our every attempt to walk properly*

**APPLICATION:** *What do you allow to define you? Daily rehearse who God says you are: “I am a child of God...”*

**III. “I will be...”**