

Who Are You?

As Christians we have two identities. We have a natural identity, and we have a spiritual identity. When we become born-again Christians, we become a people of the spirit. We have new identities, and we have new lives to live.

There is a government program called 'Witness Protection'. When the government has a valuable witness that can possibly bring down a major crime organization, they will give that person immunity and a new identity with guarantees of protection for them and their families. Their former life is erased, they are re-located and they are given a brand new identity. To a certain degree, they have to live a lie about who they are for the rest of their lives.

With this in mind let's think about our new identity in Christ. When we are born of God's Spirit, we become new spirit beings. We are not just human flesh and bone people. We are spirit beings. Our Father God is a Spirit, and we are as He is. Let's look at Jesus talking about His Spirit identity in Scripture, and then look at our spiritual identity in Him.

Luke 2:42-43, 45-46, 48-50 KJV And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. [43] And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and His mother knew not of it...[45] And when they found Him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking Him.[46] And it came to pass, that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions...[48] And when they saw Him, they were amazed: and His mother said unto Him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, Thy father and I have sought Thee sorrowing.[49] And He said unto them, How is it that ye sought Me? wist ye not that I must be about My Father's business? [50] And they understood not the saying which He spake unto them.

Jesus knew His spiritual identity; at 12 years old, He called God His Father. Even though He was a human being, He didn't just see Himself in a physical way. He knew himself after His Spiritual identity. He said this about Himself and us.

John 17:15-16 KJV I pray not that Thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldest keep them from the evil. [16] They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

How can we not be of the world when we are born by natural childbirth into the world? Our natural birth connects us to the natural world, but our spiritual birth connects us to God's world. Jesus uses many illustrations describing us in the spirit. Let's look at some of them.

1 John 3:1-3 KJV Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not. [2] Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall

see Him as He is. [3] And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure.

Romans 8:14-17 KJV For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. [15] For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, [Abba](#), Father. [16] The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: [17] And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together.

Romans 8:28-31 KJV And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose. [29] 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. [30] Moreover whom He did predestinate, them He also called: and whom He called, them He also justified: and whom He justified, them He also glorified. [31] What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

God wants us to live our new life in Christ. Change your identity from sinner to saint. From loser to winner. From weak to strong. Remember you are now a new person in Christ!

2 Corinthians 5:17-18 KJV Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. [18] And all things are of God, Who hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

Love you, and I'm praying for you,
Pastor Paul