



Life IN THE Spirit

#2: WHO ARE YOU?

INTRODUCTION

We all need a defining moment, when you awaken to your true identity – the son of or the daughter of the King. Unfortunately, that isn't how most Christians perceive themselves. Most see themselves more as the sinner, not really a saint.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

...God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. ⁴He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit. (Ro. 8:3b-4)

¹⁷ This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! (2 Cor 5:17)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Regarding faith, how would you describe a defining moment? Could you briefly describe what it was like for you?
2. What role does "death" play in your spiritual formation? In what way can "death" be described as a gift?
3. Are we born with Adam's curse? If so how do we experience the reality of being kicked out of the garden today?
4. Read 2 Cor. 5:17. How is the old life gone, and the new life begun for you?
5. Are you new, or a slightly improved version of the old you? In what way does this "a bit nicer version" mentality disable the church?
6. In what way is the Christian "joined" with God? How is Jesus offering us Himself? How do you experience God's joy and His sorrow?

MOVING FORWARD

We're invited into a mysterious union full of passion and joy, a life of sorrow and suffering too. The new you is joined with God.