



“I Am \_\_\_\_\_”

Sun Oct 13, 2024

I. **Romans 8:14-17**

A. I Am...A Child of God!

1. There are so many things that you could fill in the blank with...Blessed, Healed, Prosperous, Happy, Peaceful, Full of Joy...but all of those things are fulfilled in KNOWING your identity.
2. It is past time...God's people have had a servant's attitude, a beggar's mentality for too long; Satan has deceived too many for way too long. We are not servants...we have been adopted as children and carry the very name of God....

B. **John 15:15-16**

1. God doesn't look at you through a Master's eyes...He looks at you through a Father's eyes; this is why He says, *“Come running....Come boldly to His throne...Don't wait, Don't put it off, He is there ready to answer your every need!*
2. Look at the Father's Heart in the story of the Prodigal son: **Luke 15:17-24**
3. It all begins with knowing this: **God loves you...No Matter What!**

II. The Spirit of Adoption

A. **Psalm 27:10**

1. Everyone has been hurt or betrayed in this life....whether by friends or family...Jesus even spoke of it in the last days...
2. But one thing that Satan has used as a successful weapon in recent years is keeping people in bondage through a spirit of abandonment and rejection (In a child's early life, divorce can play tricks on his mind and Satan will try to take advantage and convince the child that the divorce was his fault; in school, the rejection that comes through teasing and bullying is a real thing that hurts a child's image; in this world, as adults, we try to fit in, and if we get hurt by someone, we have tendencies to build walls to protect ourselves from further harm).
3. Listen carefully, God accepts you...He cares for you and wants to take away the pain; but in order for this to happen, you have to face that spirit head on.

B. **Hebrews 12:14-15**

1. Bitterness comes when we allow those feelings of abandonment and rejection to linger. With God, you can do all things...and you will forgive the hurt, and you will move into the arms of God (In Jesus Name!).
2. Follow peace with all men...Don't allow the poison of Satan's lies to hold you back from being a child of God!