

## **Who is You?**

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**Genesis 1:26-27** - We are His image-bearers.

The image of God is personhood and personhood can only function within the context of relationships. We are designed to have a personal relationship with God because He is relational in His very nature.

Adam knew perfectly who he was, because he knew perfectly who God was.

When Adam and Eve were expelled from the garden they were separated from the **source of life**.

They died spiritually not physically. Death is separation; separation from God; separation from each other; and separation from ourselves.

After being expelled from the garden, Adam and Eve were left with only their mortal flesh to produce life.

**John 6:63** - It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

The Greek word for “flesh” is **Sarx**. Sarx is spiritual independence from God. It is **self rule**.

The soul operates as a “perceiver-expresser”

Your soul perceives something (from an interaction you had with someone or something) which then produces any number of emotions. What follows closely behind those emotions is the need to do something - to make some type of expression.

Your “perceiver-expresser” (your soul), searches for input and your flesh quickly suggests an expressive action - “Here is what you need to do!”

For example, you perceive that someone slighted or ignored you, and your flesh expresses itself as sarcasm or a harsh remark.

If God is not in the expression then the flesh has produced it,.

**Ephesians 2:1-5** - Before our conversion, the only thing our flesh produced is death and condemnation.

A curse is simply the absence of God's truth; causing someone to believe a lie.

**Romans 8:9-11** - The step to freedom is confessing you have believed a lie. The second step to freedom is believing what the Holy Spirit declares is true about you.

Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, life was restored! We are no longer on our own!

**Galatians 5:16-18** - The Spirit is at war with your flesh. You are not your flesh.

**2 Corinthians 5:16-19** - If we believe that we are the problem; if we believe that we are the reason for our stumbling and for our sinning against God and against each other, we are deceived.

If we don't accurately identify the producer of our behavior, we'll be blaming the wrong thing - either the devil or us and we'll be boxing the air.

The flesh is very good at masquerading as you, making you think the flesh is you. That's the lie

**1 John 3:7-9** - You are not just a “sinner saved by grace.” The word “sinner” implies that we are prone to do wrong. That’s a false identity. If we believe we are still sinners, then we’ll continue to sin by faith.

**2 Peter 1:4** - We’ve been given a divine nature. We don’t have **two** natures, we have **one** nature - God’s.

**Galatians 5:22-23** - Stop trying to produce what only the Holy Spirit can produce. You cannot produce anything. Jesus said “apart from Me, you can do nothing.”

God made you an overcoming son or daughter, and it’s time to start using the weapons God gave you to overcome your flesh and the devil.

### **Life Application:**

What lies about yourself are you believing?

How much does God’s word inform your identity?

What does “walking by the Spirit” look like for you?



