

# BIG WORDS

## Word 7: Identification

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### In the Beginning...

I was significant (*Genesis 1:27*)

I had purpose (*Genesis 2:15*)

I belonged (*Genesis 2:18-25*)

I was secure (*Genesis 1:28-29*)

### But...

I inherited a sinful identity (*Genesis 2:16-17; Genesis 3:6-7; Romans 5:12*)

### Now...

Through Christ's sacrifice I have a new life and a new identity (*Romans 5:17-19; 1 Corinthians 15:22*)

I am a new person through God's free gift (*Romans 6:20-23*)

God is now the source of my identity (*Ephesians 2:10*)

**I now live in light of this new identity**

### My New Identity: I AM...

#### I am accepted by God

I am forgiven of all my sins (*Colossians 1:13-14*)

I am saved by grace (*Ephesians 2:8*)

I am Jesus Christ's friend (*John 15:15*)

I am God's workmanship (*Ephesians 2:10*)

I am a citizen of heaven (*Philippians 3:20*)

I am chosen by Jesus (*John 15:16*)

I am adopted as God's child (*Ephesians 1:5*)

#### I am secure in God

I am free from condemnation (*Romans 8:1,2*)

I am sure all things work for good (*Romans 8:28*)

I am never separated from God's love (*Romans 8:35-37*)

I am anointed and owned by God (*2 Corinthians 1:21-22*)

I am guaranteed everlasting life (*John 3:16*)

I am being worked on by God (*Philippians 1:6*)

I am guaranteed my inheritance (*Ephesians 1:14*)

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## **I am significant**

- I am overcoming the world (*1 John 5:5*)
- I am a new creation in Christ (*2 Corinthians 5:17*)
- I am a temple of the Holy Spirit (*1 Corinthians 3:16-17*)
- I am a personal witness of Christ (*Acts 1:8*)
- I am a branch of the true vine (*John 15:5*)
- I am the salt and light of the earth (*Matthew 5:13-14*)
- I am God's co-worker (*1 Corinthians 3:9*)
- I am an ambassador for Christ (*2 Corinthians 5:20*)

## **I am willing**

- I am living for Christ (*Philippians 1:21*)
- I am pouring myself out (*2 Timothy 4:6-7*)
- I am persisting in Christ (*Philippians 3:13-14*)
- I am subjecting my body to Christ (*1 Corinthians 9:27*)
- I am being transformed (*Romans 12:2*)
- I am developing joy (*James 1:2-4*)
- I am all in for Christ (*Philippians 3:7-8*)

## **Next Steps**

**Women:** Register today at the Connection Point for "The Inheritance," a 9-session DVD series by Beth Moore. You'll learn more about the new identity that every one of God's daughters can inherit. Starts this Wednesday, June 2 at 10:00 AM. Full details inside today's program.

**Men:** CTK offers a couple great ways to encourage and be encouraged by other men in your new identity as God transforms you from "I was..." to "I AM!" Check out MentorMen & Men's Small Groups; full details in What's Happening, available in the Commons. Also check out Band of Brothers; more details at [www.bellinghambob.org](http://www.bellinghambob.org).

### **Small Group Discussion Questions**



1. Summer is just around the corner. Do you have any big plans? What are you looking forward to?
2. If you had to pick just three words to describe yourself, what would they be? Don't worry about being spiritual! Just pick words that reflect who or where you are in life.
3. Do you remember any "I was..." times in your life? What was different about you back then? If you have a relationship with God, what was life like before that relationship started?
4. If you have a relationship with God, how has it changed your life (ie. "Now I am...")? Is there something in your new identity that you are particularly grateful for?
5. Is there an area of your life where you still need to embrace the new identity that God offers? What is it?
6. How can we pray for you tonight?