

“This world’s fundamental problem is that we don’t understand who we truly are—children of God made in His image—and instead define ourselves by any number of things other than Jesus. Only by knowing our false identity apart from Christ in relation to our true identity in Him can we rightly deal with and overcome the issues in our lives.” —Mark Driscoll

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“You aren’t what you’ve done or what’s been done to you, but what Jesus has done for you.” —Mark Driscoll

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It’s All in the Family!

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“Your spiritual identity has everything to do with the person and work of the Holy Spirit.”

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¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do.

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By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

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⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

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⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you.

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Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

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¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. —Romans 8:1-11 ESV

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What is the true identity of a Christian?

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We are Born of the Spirit

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³Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”...
⁵Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”

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⁷“Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” —John 3:3, 5-8 ESV

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Romans 8:2

We are Freed by the Spirit

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Romans 8:9

We are Indwelt With the Spirit

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¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you **another** Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. —John 14:16-18 ESV

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For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

—1 Corinthians 12:13 ESV

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Romans 8:5-8

**We are Empowered Through
the Spirit**

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**Likewise, my brothers, you also
have died to the law through the
body of Christ, so that you may
belong to another, to him who has
been raised from the dead, in order
that we may bear fruit for God.**

—Romans 7:4 ESV

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**²²But the fruit of the Spirit is
love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, ²³gentleness,
self-control; against such
things there is no law.**

—Galatians 5:22-23 ESV

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**We are Guaranteed By
the Spirit**

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**¹³In him you also, when you heard
the word of truth, the gospel of
your salvation, and believed in him,
were sealed with the promised
Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee
of our inheritance until we acquire
possession of it, to the praise of
his glory. —Ephesians 1:13-14 ESV**

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**And I am sure of this, that he
who began a good work in you
will bring it to completion
at the day of Jesus Christ.**

—Philippians 1:6 ESV

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