

# Five “I Am’s” Of the Believer’s Identity in Christ

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## **I Am God’s Child,** Nurtured and cared for by Him

*“Like newborn babies, crave spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.” (II Peter 2.2-3)*

## **I Am a Member of God’s Flock** and Worth the Time it takes Him to Care for and Search for Me

*“If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? And if he finds it, I tell you the truth, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should be lost.” (Matthew 18:12b-14)*

## **I Am God’s Creation,** Completely Transparent and Fully Known by Him

*“O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down, you are familiar with all my ways. For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.” (Psalms 139:1-3,13-14)*

## **I Am Adopted Into a New Family** that Goes Far Beyond the Limitations of Biological Inheritance

*“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.” (II Peter 2:9)*  
*“He predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will.” (Ephesians 1:5)*

## **I Am the Beholder of a Blessed Hope,** My Eternal Destiny

*“For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words.” (II Thessalonians 4:1 6-18)*

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