

#### NEW FROM THE ARSONAL

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# I-AM

And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets,

and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers,

for the equipping of the saints for the work of service

to the building up of the body of Christ; until we attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the son of God,

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What does Hebrew 3:1 mean regarding Jesus being the Apostle and High Priest our confession?

Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession.

Hebrews 3:1

It is very important for the Christian to know. When they do, they will be equipped with a defensive and offensive weapon. It is a key to healing and an antidote to spiritual attack that always works when used in faith and held fast to.

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. Hebrew 4:14

Most Christians do not understand "confession" as they should, for the Judeo Christian churches have not been teaching it as it truly is. Most think of only one side of confession, but confession is a two sided coin. You might say a positive and a negative side. Most understand only the one side that has to do with confessing our sin.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

Is anyone among you sick? Then he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him. Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

James 5:14-16

Understanding the other side of the confession coin will serve you well in getting your healing that is yours from the cross, and in getting strength when under a spiritual attack, and when needing strength to attack i.e., to go forward on the offense as a Christian soldier. It is also key to equipping the saints with a weapon, (which this book does) and in putting on the armor of Ephesians 6:13

Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Ephesians 6:13

## SATAN WILL TRY TO USE CONFESSION AGAINST US

There are times when the Christian soldier becomes weary and discouraged in the fight of faith, and at such times Satan, as a devouring roaring lion (1 Peter 5:8), will try to get you to think and then say the confession. He will in your weakened state try to get you to believe a lie and confess out loud that lie.

As an example let us consider the story of David coming home to Ziglag.

Then it happened when David and his men came to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had made a raid on the Negev and on Ziklag, and had overthrown Ziklag and burned it with fire; and they took captive the women and all who were in it, both small and great, without killing anyone, and carried them off and went their way. When David and his men came to the city, behold, it was burned with fire, and their wives and their sons and their daughters had been taken captive. Then

David and the people who were with him lifted their voices and wept until there was no strength in them to weep. Now David's two wives had been taken captive, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess and Abigail the widow of Nabal the Carmelite. Moreover David was greatly distressed because the people spoke of stoning him, for all the people were embittered, each one because of his sons and his daughters...

1 Samuel 30:1-6

One does not have to be a psychologist, a sociologist, a church counselor or even very intelligent to figure out what was going thru David's mind right about that time, or better put, what Satan was putting into David's mind; putting into his mind and trying to confess it out loud. Here is no doubt, a list of some of the things Satan was trying to get him to confess;

I am ruined

I am defeated

I am abandoned by the Lord

I am wanting to die

I am whipped

I am bitter

I am unable to go on

I am quitting this serving the Lord stuff

Be sure David felt these "I am's", and had he confessed them he would have become the "I am" of his confession. Now the truth was, at the time he was getting beat up on pretty bad.

## THE POPEYEE STORY AND THE I AM CONFESSION

I remember as a boy the old Popeye cartoon. I have come to see there was embedded in them some profound spiritual truths. In the one I remember, there was one named Brutus beating up on him. Old big, bully-boy Brutus was trying to take away Olive Oyl. Now I could never see what old Popeye saw in Olive Oyl in the first place. Later in my Christian growth (1 Peter 3:18) I grew in understanding the importance of having and using OLIVE-OIL as an anointing and un-anointing oil (read Micah 7:11, especially in the Septuagint), and the wise virgins had oil in there lamps ( ). I also came to realize we are fighting <a href="mailto:brute">brute</a> beasts.

But these, like unreasoning animals, born as creatures of instinct to be captured and killed, reviling where they have no knowledge, will in the destruction of those creatures also be destroyed. 2 Peter 2:12

But these men revile the things which they do not understand; and the things which they know by instinct, like unreasoning animals, by these things they are destroyed.

Jude 10 KJV

If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantageth it me, if the dead rise not? let us eat and drink; for to morrow we die.

1 Corinthians 15:32 KJV

In the cartoon, the battle between Popeye and Brutus changed when Popeye had finally had enough, and loudly made the "I am" confession. He would say "I has had all I can stands, and I can stands no more." "I Am that I Am" and then he would say "I AM POPEYE THE SAILOR MAN." It was when he made that positive I AM

confession that he found the strength that allowed him to become strong and defeat his foe. It was after that he got a hold of the spinach, and the spinach represents the spirit such as came upon Samson.

#### **CONSESSING YOUR I-AM'S**

Confessing the I-AM's is a positive confession. Sometimes the world calls it positive affirmation. Now we live in a world that is deceived and loves to believe a lie, and often the confession the worldly will make are lies, but I have even seen these work for some who make them.

The Christian is not of the world, and is not to confess and or believe lies. The Christian does not need to, for he or she is in Christ, and in Christ they become an I-AM i.e. son or child of God.

For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. Galatians 3:26-27

See how great a love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God; and such we are..... 1 John 3:1

The Bible teaches us that in Christ we have all kinds of "I-Am" benefits. When our God, the Father, came against Pharaoh, the opponent, He made it known He was the great "I-Am".

Then Moses said to God, "Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I shall say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you.' Now they may say to me, 'What is His name?' What shall I say to them?" And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, "Thus

you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" Exodus 3:13-14

When we openly speak out loud in faith our I-AM's, spiritual strength will begin to flow like spinach out of Popeye's squeezed spinach can. Back to the David at Ziglag story. Naturally David 'felt' defeated, discouraged, abandoned, but the story tells us;

"But David strengthened himself in the Lord his God."

1 Samuel 30:6

If you will confess the I-AM that are yours in Christ, that we have listed in this booklet, you will find yourself being strengthened in the Lord. [Note-that is if you are in-Christ, when one is born again of the water and the spirit (John 3:5), which is done by obeying Acts 2:38. Then we are baptized <u>into</u> Christ (Romans 6:3) and abide in Christ thru being faithful and partaking of Communion (John 6)]

## WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND HOW CONFESSION WORKS

(Note-Much of the following is taken from Chapter 10 of "Christ the Healer" by F.F. Bosworth, available from SFA Ministry)

The Greek word translated confession in Hebrews 3:1 means "saying the same thing". Confession is an affirmation of a Bible truth we have embraced. It involves believing with our hearts and repeating with our lips what we are in Christ. Jesus is the High priest of our confession and then acts in our behalf according to what we confess when confession is in accordance with the word of God.

Confession is involved in salvation, be it being saved from sin, from disease, from discouragement and despair, from depression, and the pit, or from our enemies.

...or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead)." But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart"--that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved; for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed."

Romans 10:7-11

Note that it is not salvation unto confession, but confession unto salvation I.E. confession before salvation. When we affirm the Word thru confession our Lord as the High Priest of our confession watches over it to make it good.

Then the LORD said to me, "You have seen well, for I am watching over My word to perform it."

Jeremiah 1:11

He always lives to make intercession for them. Hebrews 7:25

F.F Bosworth wrote that "Our confession includes: The whole of scriptural truth, all that His sacrifice provided, all that His high priesthood covers, the whole of Gods revealed will."

# WARNING: THIS CONFESSION THING WORKS BOTH WAYS

Satan works to get us to worry and fear, and then to confess our worries and fears. When we do, we confess our faith in Satan and are ensnared with our lips. So, always, when you hear yourself say "I am", <u>STOP AND THINK</u> what you are saying next. For example, if you say, as many do, "I am sick and tired of blah, blah, blah...", don't be surprised if you become sick and tired. Our God, in creation, spoke things into being, and as sons of God we can do like wise. Unfortunately, and often ignorantly, we speak negative things into being

If you have been snared with the words of your mouth, Have been caught with the words of your mouth,

Proverbs 6:2

Now when speaking the Word, believe it and hold fast to it.

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

Hebrews 4:14

To do so means we have to hold fast in the face of all contrary evidence. This is the fight of faith. It means we must hold fast in spite of our feelings. For example, going back to the story of David and Ziglag he surely felt whipped, defeated, discouraged and full of despair. But you can be sure as he strengthened himself in the Lord he told himself (out loud) "I can do all tings through my Lord who loves me and strengthens me".

(Note-This is not say David did not make honest "I am" assessments and statements of the tough spots he often found himself in. It is to say he would never have

gotten delivered or saved from those tough spots if he had not made positive "I am" and "I can" affirmations or confessions.)

I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, And I am saved from my enemies. Psalms 18:3

I am Thine, save me; For I have sought Thy precepts. Psalms 119:94

For by Thee I can run upon a troop; And by my God I can leap over a wall. Psalms 18:29

"I-Am" confession is not denying that certain symptoms, pains, feelings, and hardships exist. It is not giving it rule or ultimate victory over us. Faith is believing and confessing before experiencing the results. In the area of disease, Bosworth taught:

"Disease gains the ascendancy when you confess the testimony of your senses. Feelings and appearances have no place in the realm of faith. Confessing disease is like signing for a package that the Express Company has delivered. Satan then has a receipt from you showing you have accepted it.

Don't accept anything that Satan brings – "Give no Place to the Devil"

1 Peter 4:11 "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God." In Ephesians 4:29 we are commanded to speak only "that which is good to the use of edifying." We are not to testify for the adversary.

(We are to act faith, speak faith, and to think faith).

In the area of putting on the armor, the first piece is girding our loins with truth. When we confess the I-AM truths, we so gird ourselves. When we believe the I-AM truths we confess we put on the breastplate of righteousness.

For what does the Scripture say? "And Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness."

Romans 4:3

Then we can have peace i.e. we walk in peace because we have shod our feet with the gospel of peace. Again, back to the story of David at Ziglag. David rose up and marched on, and even took and defeated his enemies. The Gideon elite Christian soldier must rise up and go on the offense. Remember, we don't rise above our confession.

"And now many nations have been assembled against you Who say, 'Let her be polluted, And let our eyes gloat over Zion.' "But they do not know the thoughts of the LORD, And they do not understand His purpose; For He has gathered them like sheaves to the threshing floor. "Arise and thresh, daughter of Zion, For your horn I will make iron And your hoofs I will make bronze, That you may pulverize many peoples, That you may devote to the LORD their unjust gain And their wealth to the Lord of all the earth. Micah 4:11-13

# CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING I-AM CONFESSIONS

The following I-AM confessions are not listed in any particular order. We have posted them so you can write next to them your own priority numbers and/or the category of them in your mind. For example you may want to write; "for depression" or "for discouragement" or "for healing" or "for faith." This is your tool and weapon we at Scriptures for America are equipping you with (Ephesians 4:12).

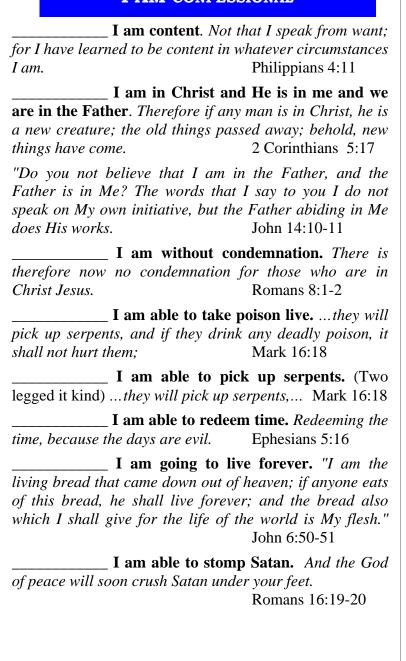
You can customize this spiritual weapon of yours as you see fit. It is not an exhaustive list either, so we've left some fill in blanks, so as you read the Word and see other "I-AM" truths to confess, write them in yourself.

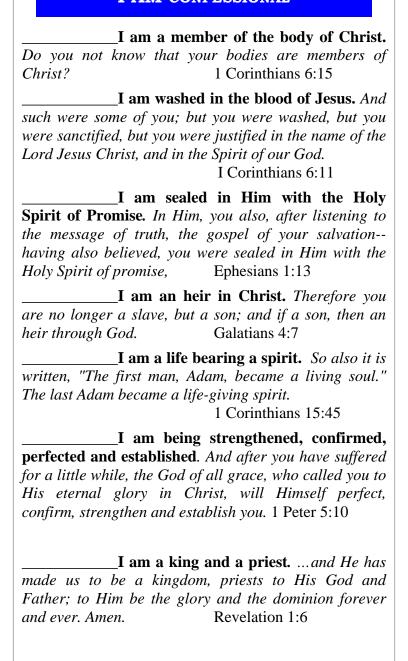
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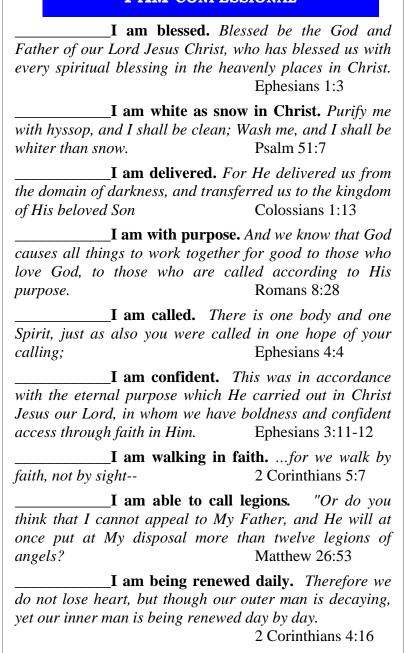
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#### I AM CONFESSIONAL I am in a position of authority. "Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall injure you. Luke 10:19 I am able to do all things through Christ Jesus who strengthens me. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. Philippians 4:12-14 I am a child of God. See how great a love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God; and such we are. 1 John 3:1 I am in the lambs book of life....and nothing unclean and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life. Revelation 21:26-27 I am in possession of prayer power. "Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they shall be granted you. Mark 11:23-24 \_ I am loved by Jesus Christ. ... and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you, and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma. Ephesians 5:2 **I am born again.** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ 1 Peter 1:3 from the dead, \_\_\_ I am strong. Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for

when I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Corinthians 12:10



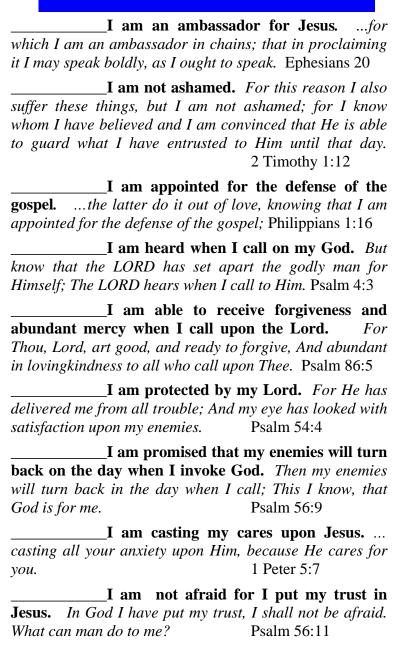




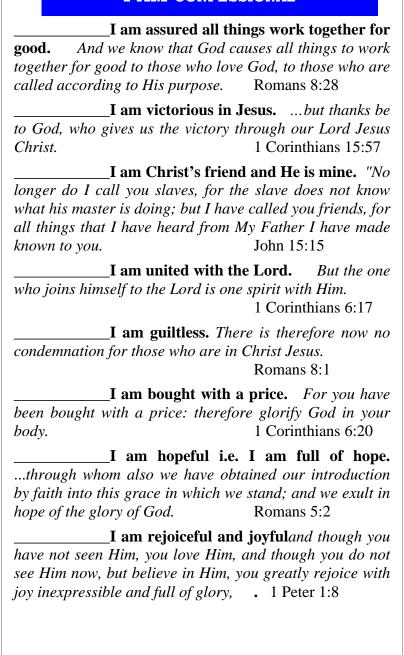
#### I AM CONFESSIONAL I am enrolled in heaven. ...to the general assembly and church of the first-born who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of righteous men made perfect, Hebrews 12:23 I am being equipped in every good thing to do His will. ... equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen. Hebrews 13:21 I am putting on a new self. ...and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him Colossians 3:10 \_I am given abundant life. "The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly. John 10:10 \_I am crowned with loving-kindness and compassion. Who redeems your life from the pit; Who crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion; Psalms 103:4 I am being given good things by my **Lord.** Who satisfies your years with good things Psalm 103:5 I am having my youth renewed like the eagle. So that your youth is renewed like the eagle Psalm 103:5 \_I am out of the pit. Who redeems your life from the pit; Who crowns you with lovingkindness

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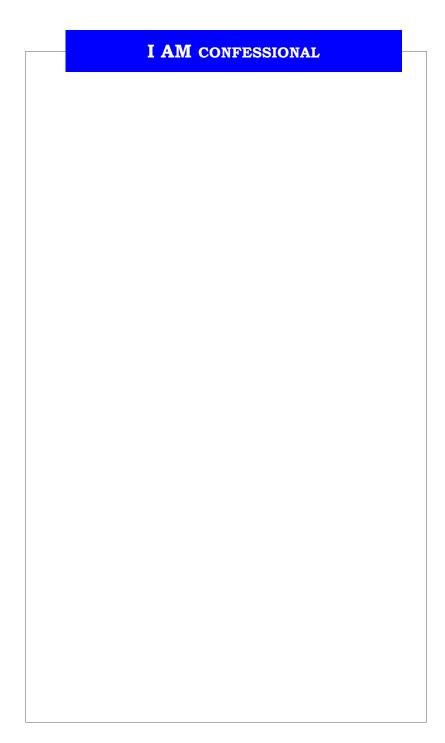
I am given more of the Holy Spirit when I persistently ask and seek. "And I say to you, ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you. "For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it shall be opened. "Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? "Or if he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he? "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?" Luke 11:9 I am received when I come to Jesus. "All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. John 6:37 I am not forsaken when I seek Him. And those who know Thy name will put their trust in Thee; For Thou, O LORD, hast not forsaken those who seek Thee. Psalm 9:10 I am fearless because I trust in the The fear of man brings a snare, But he who Lord. trusts in the LORD will be exalted. Proverbs 29:25 I am going to live even if I die. Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" John 11:25-26

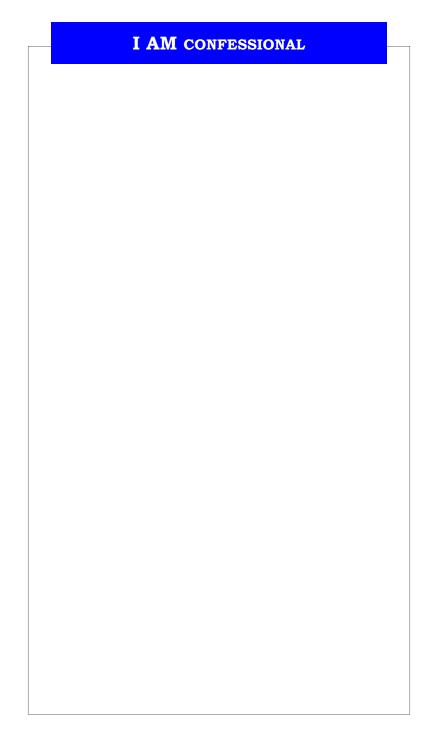


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#### The Bell

I KNOW WHO I AM I am God's child (John 1:12) I am Christ's friend (John 15:15) I am united with the Lord(1 Cor. 6:17) I am bought with a price(1 Cor. 6:19-20) I am a saint (set apart for God). (Eph. 1:1) I am a personal witness of Christ (Acts 1:8) I am the salt & light of the earth (Matt. 5:13-14) I am a member of the body of Christ(1 Cor 12:27) I am free forever from condemnation (Rom. 8: 1-2) I am a citizen of Heaven. I am significant (Phil.3:20) I am free from any charge against me (Rom. 8:31-34) I am a minister of reconciliation for God(2 Cor.5:17-21) I have access to God through the Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:18) I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Eph. 2:6) I cannot be separated from the love of God(Rom.8:35-39) I am established, anointed, sealed by God (2 Cor.1:21-22) I am assured all things work together for good (Rom. 8: 28) I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit (John 15:16) I may approach God with freedom and confidence (Eph. 3: 12) I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13) I am the branch of the true vine, a channel of His life (John 15: 1-5) I am God's temple (1 Cor. 3: 16). I am complete in Christ (Col. 2: 10) I am hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3). I have been justified (Romans 5:1) I am God's co-worker (1 Cor 3:9; 2 Cor 6:1). I am God's workmanship(Eph. I am confident that the good works God has begun in me will be perfected (Phil. 1:5) I have been redeemed, forgiven (Col. 1:14). I have been adopted as God's child (Eph 1:5) I belong to God

#### Ring the Bell.

Let the Christians know what they are in Jesus Christ.

Order and distribute this booklet.

#### Our True Identity in Jesus Christ

Jesus came to us in the Spirit and took on the form of flesh so that we, in the flesh could take on the form of His Spirit.

God made Jesus to become identical to what we were--sinners.

God made us to become identical with what Jesus is--Righteousness.

#### 1. Crucified together with Him

Galatians 6:14, Galatians 2:20, Romans 6:6, 1 Peter 4:13

#### 2. Died together with Him

1 Corinthians 4:10-11, Colossians 2:20, Romans 7:4-6

#### 3. Buried together with Him

Romans 6:3-4, 1 Peter 3:21

#### 4. Quickened together with Him

Romans 6:9-13, 2 Corinthians 5:17

5. Raised together with Him

Romans 8:1, Philippians 3:10, Hebrews 9:14

#### 6. Seated together with Him

Revelations 3:21, Revelations 5:10, 2 Timothy 2:12

#### 7. Heirs together with Him

Psalms 16:5, Numbers 18:20, Luke 22:29, Romans 8:16-17

#### 8. Glorified together with Him

Romans 8:17 & 30, 2 Corinthians 4:17, 2 Thessalonians 1:10-12

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