

"I Am's of a Christian"

Eph. 2:1-10

Introduction

1. *"I Am's of a Christian" Eph. 2:1-10*
2. Last week we saw 18 verses declaring God as the I AM. Today, let's look at 5 I Am's of a Christian.
3. READ Eph. 2:1-9 as background for the I Am's of a Christian.
 - a. V 1 – Lit "being dead" and "by reason" of your trespasses and sins
 - b. V 3
 - Lusts – "desire, coveting" = sensual, material, position, possessions, pride [me, me, me]
 - Nature – the Old Nature that all of us have had since birth
 - Wrath – "impulse, anger, judgement"
 - c. V 5 – Even though we are dead in our transgressions
 - We are made alive together with Christ
 - By His GRACE – kindness – unmerited favor
 - We don't deserve it – Rom. 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God..."
 - God gives grace. Why? Because, GOD IS LOVE (1 Jn. 4:8) and GRACE IS OF GOD.
 - d. V 6 – Seated with Him – Jim Hylton – titled his Book on Ephesians – "Just Sitting Pretty"

I. I Am God's Workmanship. (Eph. 2:10)

- A. Ethel Waters – "God don't make no junk."
- B. Gen. 1:26-27 = God made us in His image.
- C. Gen. 2:7 = God formed man out of dust and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life...
- D. Gen. 3 = Man sinned and was separated from God.
- E. John 3:16 = God so loved that He gave...
- F. 1 Jn. 3:8 = Christ came to destroy the works of the devil.
- G. 2 Cor. 5:17-18 = When we receive Christ, He makes us New Creatures in Him.
 1. Recreated / Renewed – made new.
 2. Reconciled / Restored – brought back into oneness with God.

II. I Am a Child of God.

- A. John 1:12-13 – To as many as received Him [Christ]...
- B. Rom. 8:15-17a – We have a Father – Abba Father – Daddy.
- C. We have a Father – God – the Creator of the Universe.

III. I Am Loved by God.

- A. We have a Father who loves us with an "unchanging love" – Micah 7:18.
- B. Nothing can separate us from God's love – Rom. 8:35-39.
- C. God loves us with an Unchanging, Everlasting Love.

IV. I Am Forgiven by God.

- A. Sins cast into the deepest part of the sea – Micah 7:19.
- B. Sins forgiven because of the Blood of Jesus Christ – Eph. 1:7-8a.

V. I Am Celebrated by God.

- A. God rejoices with shouts of joy over us in celebration – Zephaniah 3:17

Conclusion

1. Are you experiencing these I Am's of a Christian?
2. Do you want to experience these I Am's of a Christian?