



Fresh Start Series: IDENTITY

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INTRODUCTION:

"Then He started over...He created a new kind of human being, a FRESH START for everybody."

YOU HAVE TO KNOW WHAT GOD WANTS TO UNDERSTAND HIS WAYS.



Why would He decide to begin all over...to create an entirely new kind of human being?



Why would He go for a “new creature” rather than fix or rehabilitate the “old creature?”

Read the following verses to understand what His heart has always wanted:

Ephesians 1:4-5:

"EVEN AS [IN HIS LOVE] HE CHOSE US [ACTUALLY PICKED US OUT FOR HIMSELF AS HIS OWN] IN CHRIST BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD, THAT WE SHOULD BE HOLY (CONSECRATED AND SET APART FOR HIM) AND BLAMELESS IN HIS SIGHT, EVEN ABOVE REPROACH, BEFORE HIM IN LOVE. 5 FOR HE FOREORDAINED US (DESTINED US, PLANNED IN LOVE FOR US) TO BE ADOPTED (REVEALED) AS HIS OWN CHILDREN (SONS)² THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PURPOSE OF HIS WILL [BECAUSE IT PLEASSED HIM AND WAS HIS KIND INTENT]—"³



Go back through these verses—read them out loud—slowly—and focus on the key words (underlined).

¹ Message Bible, Ephesians 2:14-15

² NASB, Ephesians 1:4-5.

³ Amplified Classic, Ephesians 1:4-5. *All Scripture will be from the Amplified Classic unless otherwise noted.



Now write out these two powerful verses with all personal pronouns.
For example: "...He chose *ME*..." "...that / should be holy...":



So...according to Ephesians 1:4-5 WHAT DOES GOD WANT?

**YOU MUST *SETTLE* YOUR IDENTITY IF YOU ARE
EVER GOING TO *STEP* INTO YOUR IDENTITY.**

Holy Spirit wants to introduce you to the real you...the YOU that God made IN CHRIST. You were never meant to be a self-made person. You are not the sum total of everything that has happened to you.

THE REAL YOU IS WHO HE MADE YOU TO BE IN CHRIST.

Think with me about what it means that He chose you out IN CHRIST "before the foundations of the world."

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What is the difference between how a parent plans for their child and how they respond to a stranger on the street asking for a handout?



Are you willing to think on a deeper level about what that actually means for you personally?



What have been your thoughts and beliefs about who you are up to this point?



Write down some of the things that have happened that you might have thought disqualified you from His “choosing you out before.”

You may have thought these things disqualified you from His best—from Plan A. Like me, you might have thought you had sinned your way straight out of Plan A where you were going to have to settle for Plan B, D or Z!

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You may have been shocked by choices you've made in life...or the sins you've committed...but He has never been shocked by your capacity for sin or stupidity. He knew it all before the foundation of the world and still chose you out FOR HIMSELF in Christ! You, my friend, don't have an eraser big enough to wipe out the destiny He has for you in Christ. Everything was held "in trust" for you by Christ Himself.

This means before there was a devil, before the fall, before your foolishness, sin and numerous repeated mistakes—before any trauma, rejection, abuse, disappointment or success HE CHOSE YOU out for Himself—in Christ.



What are your thoughts now? IF you are experiencing a SHIFT—even to the slightest degree—in your thoughts about who HE MADE YOU TO BE TO HIM—write them down!

**DECIDE NOW THAT YOU ARE OPEN TO THE
FRESH START HE HAS PROVIDED FOR YOU!**

ONE:



Write out 2 Corinthians 5:17 AMPC:



Does this Scripture say you are NEW if you are IN CHRIST?



What does it say happened to the old?



What does “passed away” mean?



If someone dies...passes away...what does that mean?



Can you be a sinner (old creature) and saint (new creature) at the same time?

**REMEMBER: IF YOU THUMP YOUR BIBLE...
IT WILL THUMP YOU BACK!**

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Read Romans 5:12-19:

Therefore, as sin came into the world through one man, and death as the result of sin, so death spread to all men, [no one being able to stop it or to escape its power] because all men sinned. 13 [To be sure] sin was in the world before ever the Law was given, but sin is not charged to men's account where there is no law [to transgress]. 14 Yet death held sway from Adam to Moses [the Lawgiver], even over those who did not themselves transgress [a positive command] as Adam did. Adam was a type (prefigure) of the One Who was to come [in reverse, the former destructive, the Latter saving]. 15 But God's free gift is not at all to be compared to the trespass [His grace is out of all proportion to the fall of man]. For if many died through one man's falling away (his lapse, his offense), much more profusely did God's grace and the free gift [that comes] through the undeserved favor of the one Man Jesus Christ abound and overflow to and for [the benefit of] many. 16 Nor is the free gift at all to be compared to the effect of that one [man's] sin. For the sentence [following the trespass] of one [man] brought condemnation, whereas the free gift [following] many transgressions brings justification (an act of righteousness). 17 For if because of one man's trespass (lapse, offense) death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive [God's] overflowing grace (unmerited favor) and the free gift of righteousness [putting them into right standing with Himself] reign as kings in life through the one Man Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One). 18 Well then, as one man's trespass [one man's false step and falling away led] to condemnation for all men, so one Man's act of righteousness [leads] to acquittal and right standing with God and life for all men. 19 For just as by one man's disobedience (failing to hear, heedlessness, and carelessness) the many were constituted sinners, so by one Man's obedience the many will be constituted righteous (made acceptable to God, brought into right standing with Him)."



Write out what happened because of Adam.

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Did you make yourself a sinner? If not, who did?



Are you being blamed for Adam's choice or did you participate in it?



In the video I spoke about "location—location—location." Explain your understanding of what it means for you to be "IN" Adam.



Did God love you when you were yet "a sinner" — when you were still in Adam?



Could God accept you just as you are IN ADAM?



If your answer is yes...then I have to ask, "Why did Jesus need to come if God could accept you in Adam?"

IT'S IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER WHAT GOD ALWAYS WANTED.



Write out Ephesians 1:4-5 AMPC again with personal pronouns:



Why did He make you new?

**HE MADE YOU NEW SO YOU COULD BE
100% COMPATIBLE WITH HIM.
THE ONLY "YOU" HE CAN BE COMPATIBLE WITH
IS THE REAL YOU HE MADE "IN CHRIST."**

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According to 2 Corinthians 5:21 AMPC why did Jesus become sin?



Write 2 Corinthians 5:21 AMPC down again:



Why was it of such *paramount importance to God* to make you as righteous as Jesus?



Write out II Peter 1:4:



What does it say you now share in?



Now go back to Romans 5:12-19 AMPC and write out what was accomplished because of Jesus Christ's full obedience to the Father.

**REMEMBER:
YOU DON'T JUST DO THE WILL OF GOD...YOU ARE THE WILL OF GOD!**

TWO:

**YOU MUST REMEMBER WHAT GOD HAS ALWAYS WANTED—YOU!
THE REAL YOU HE MADE IN CHRIST.**

If you are still stuck trying to improve the old you—STOP!

Remember... “...the *fresh* and *new* has come!” II Corinthians 5:17 AMPC

NOW TAKE THE FRESH START HE HAS GIVEN YOU IN CHRIST.

Read I Corinthians 1:30-31:

“But it is from Him that you have your life in Christ Jesus, Whom God made our Wisdom from God, [revealed to us a knowledge of the divine plan of salvation previously hidden, manifesting itself as] our Righteousness [thus making us upright and putting us in right standing with God], and our Consecration [making us pure and holy], and our Redemption [providing our ransom from eternal penalty for sin]. 31 So then, as it is written, Let him who boasts and proudly rejoices and glories, boast and proudly rejoice and glory in the Lord.”



Who put you IN Christ?



In Video One I mentioned “location—location—location”. It was bad news for you in Adam. It is good news for you in Christ. Explain your understanding of what it means for you to be “IN” Christ.

One of the core purposes of God’s full-out deliverance through the death of Jesus Christ was to make sure there were no loop-holes in your salvation. The enemy knows he is defeated so he seeks through delusional deception to forever distort the process of growth and oneness with the Father.

YOU JOIN IN AND COMPLICATE IT FURTHER BY TRYING TO

ADD IN YOUR PERFORMANCE AND PRETENSE.

The enemy wants to keep you working to “improve” or “get better” rather than to trust in the finished work of Jesus Christ on the Cross. There is only one goal the enemy has in his master plan to keep you from abiding in the Father:

KEEP THOSE SONS FROM THE FATHER!

You will not be made a saint by performing two miracles, living a virtuous life and then waiting five years after your death to be canonized!

YOU HAVE BEEN MADE A SAINT BY THE PERFECT PERFORMANCE OF JESUS CHRIST!

Do you know Him crucified? When you do, you will know there is nothing you can add or need to add to His magnificent, full, unlimited obedience on the Cross. By this powerful death He died He took care of everything that separated you from God. The old identity—the old man/creation—and any legal right the enemy had over you—is completely dealt with in the death of Jesus Christ.

Check these scriptures out in the Amplified Classic Version. Make note in each one what His death has accomplished.

Hebrews 2:9:

Hebrews 2:14:

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Colossians 2:14:

Colossians 2:15:

Romans 6:6:

Romans 6:10:

Romans 7:4-6:

Galatians 6:14:

His performance is perfect. He came to die so you could LIVE UNTO GOD by sharing in the perfect life of Christ. You share in His nature, life, love and faith.



Write out II Corinthians 5:15 AMPC:

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Are you becoming increasingly aware that HE CAME FOR YOU? That HE HAS PERFORMED EVERYTHING REQUIRED? That HE HAS ACTUALLY GIVEN YOU His resurrection life?



What does Romans 5:10 and Romans 6:4-6 say to you? Think, oh saint!!



What does Romans 6:4 say you can “habitually do” in newness of life?

Now...a very key component as you transition into the new is the need for you to come into strong conviction and agreement with the Word about God’s judgment on the old. This is to make certain you do not go back to the old slavery of trying to fix, rehabilitate or improve the old nature.



Write out Ephesians 2:1-3 AMPC:

Confess and agree with God about His judgment on the condition/nature of man prior to being born again.



Now write out Ephesians 2:4-6 AMPC:

Confess and agree with God that He has perfectly delivered you and you are now completely NEW IN CHRIST. You share in the actual life and nature of Christ!

Now...just to be irksome—I want you to read truth again for your safety.



Read and write out I John 5:20 AMPC:



Who is Eternal Life?

**WHEN YOU WERE BORN AGAIN YOU
RECEIVED ETERNAL LIFE.**



Whose Life did you receive?

YOU WERE NOT JUST SAVED FROM HELL...BUT SAVED
TO THE FATHER THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.



When man sinned...and missed the MARK...WHO WAS THE MARK?



Who was the bullseye?



Who was the goal?

IT WAS THE FATHER.

You continue to miss HIM when you believe you are still just “a sinner saved by grace.” If you are determined to be just “a nice, well-mannered, well-behaved Christian” you miss Him again and again.

This would mean you will be living in a serious state of unbelief.

Think about this:

When the spies returned from their scouting trip to the Promised Land...they spoke of all they saw—milk and honey, honkin’ fruit and giants. They confirmed that everything they saw was “as God had said” it was.

BUT they made the catastrophic decision to “see themselves through their own eyes.” They allowed unbelief to rob them of their identity and destiny with God because they were determined to remain grasshoppers in their own eyes. When Joshua and Caleb encouraged them to see with God’s eyes...they actually became enraged and wanted to stone them.

**THEY DEMANDED NEW LEADERS WHO WOULDN'T
REQUIRE THEM TO AGREE WITH GOD AND LIVE AS
THE GIANT SLAYERS THEY WERE.**

WOWSER!

(Check it out in Numbers 13 and 14 AMPC!)



Whose eyes are you choosing to see through?



Is it possible you are in a catastrophic state of unbelief?



Are you willing to SHIFT and see as God sees...to think as He thinks?

**YOU WERE BORN AGAIN TO BECOME A SAINT...SO YOU CAN NOW
CHOOSE TO BE A DISCIPLE...SO YOU CAN LEARN TO LIVE AS A SON.**

These are not three separate identities...but one glorious person moving through the growing up and maturing process. The Cross—the Tree of Life—restores you to Him.

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Discipleship is the process where you can learn of Him—learn His way of life and love so you can live *with* Him and live *like* Him. This is where you can take on the yoke of the Son learn of Him...and then live like Him. You can become a true, authentic expression of Him and be a powerful extension of His goodness and authority in the earth. Right now...

PLAN A IS STILL ON!

*This is a chosen path...*not one that can be forced or pressured. The way may be narrow in the beginning...but oh, it opens up to a big, wide open life with Him.

Remember...sinners don't grow...they don't mature. Sinners are those who are separated from Life Himself and this is hell.

YOU ON THE OTHER HAND...ARE A SAINT... A DISCIPLE...A MATURING SON.

Jesus is not ashamed to call you His brethren!

Read Hebrews 2:9-10:

“But we are able to see Jesus, Who was ranked lower than the angels for a little while, crowned with glory and honor because of His having suffered death, in order that by the grace (unmerited favor) of God [to us sinners] He might experience death for every individual person. 10 For it was an act worthy [of God] and fitting [to the divine nature] that He, for Whose sake and by Whom all things have their existence, in bringing many sons into glory, should make the Pioneer of their salvation perfect [should bring to maturity the human experience necessary to be perfectly equipped for His office as High Priest] through suffering.”

He came to share with you everything He is and everything He has. All of that is so the Father can enjoy fellowship with you—the real you!! All of that is so the Father can accomplish the assignment He has put within you!!

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Read and write out the following scriptures from the AMPC:

John 20:17:

II Peter 1:4:

Romans 8:13-16:

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Romans 8:29:

Galatians 4:4-7:

Hebrews 2:9-11:

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Philippians 2:5:



Will you make the sharp decision to believe and accept that you are now NEW...an entirely new kind of human being...having a FRESH START with God?



Will you live as who He made you to be TO HIM?

**REMEMBER...YOU DON'T JUST DO THE WILL OF GOD.
YOU ARE THE WILL—DESIRE AND PLEASURE—OF GOD!**

THREE:

Did stupid visit you once? Has the lie only whispered once? NO! Yet often times you might think a little bit of truth will be enough. It is imperative that you saturate, meditate, cultivate, and marinade in the truth.

THE TRUTH MUST GO DEEPER THAN THE LIE!

And this is where the struggle can come in. You want to believe...you choose to believe...but the lie has held such power over you for so long that you are overcome with the sheer power of the familiarity of the lie.

Peter struggled in Acts 10:13-15 to call holy what God calls holy. God said to let no one call common what He calls holy. *Peter's familiarity with what he had always thought was holy stood in direct and confident opposition to God Himself.*



What are some “common things” you repeatedly say or think about yourself? Write them down:

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.



What are some “holy things” He repeatedly says about you?



Go to Pg. 29-31 to read “What Happened To Me?”/ “Who Am I?” and write out your top 5:

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

“Pride is the deification of self, and this to-day in some of us is not of the order of the Pharisee, but of the publican. To say “Oh, I’m no saint,” is acceptable to human pride, but it is unconscious blasphemy against God. It literally means that you defy God to make you a saint. “I am much too weak and hopeless, I am outside the reach of the Atonement.” Humility before men may be unconscious blasphemy before God. Why are you not a saint? It is either that you do not want to be a saint, or that you do not believe God can make you a saint.⁴

—Oswald Chambers

This makes it clear that it is pride—not humility—that continues to believe something other than what God says. Flesh loves to deny the Father what He wants...this must be seen for what it is. False humility is a horror!



Write out 2 Corinthians 5:16 AMPC:

⁴ Chambers, Oswald. My Utmost for His Highest, Classic Edition. Grand Rapids: Oswald Chambers Publications Association, Ltd., 1963,119.

YOU MUST KNOW YOURSELF AFTER THE SPIRIT.

Let me check your level of understanding!



Did you know you are a spirit?

- Genesis 1:26
- 1Thessalonian 5:23
- Hebrews 4:12
- John 4:23-24

YOU ARE A SPIRIT. YOU HAVE A SOUL. YOU LIVE IN A BODY.



When God looks at you—in spirit—He sees *you*. Do you see you?

If not, pray right now for personal, revelation knowledge.



Write out these Scriptures concerning “putting on” Christ:

Ephesians 4:23-24:

Romans 13:14:

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Galatians 3:26-27:

I Corinthians 6:17:

Colossians 3:10:

You are not a beggar with issues in the crowd just hoping to catch a glimpse and get a touch of His garment. You are a son clothed—saturated—in His garments of righteousness and salvation with all the resources of your Father to address every issue. Yes! The Cross produces identity! Put on Christ!!

These words “put on” mean to “plunge into something fully and then rest in it.”

Yes! Put on Christ...get comfortable in your new wardrobe...because we have a lot of work to do...and your beggar clothes will continue to cause you to stumble rather to STRIDE IN HIS RHYTHM. Beggar clothes trip you up every time.

**IT IS TIME TO GET COMFORTABLE
IN YOUR MASTERPIECE SKIN!**



Write out Ephesians 2:10:

FOUR:

IT IS TIME TO MAKE YOUR ACCEPTANCE SPEECH!

*Listen to 'Your Acceptance Speech' by Nancy McCready at: <http://bit.ly/2MVEQn5>



Write out what you now know is true of you. Deliver your acceptance speech and make a 3-fold witness to heaven, earth and hell.

**TAKE YOUR PLACE WITH HIM AND IN HIM
AND LET'S GET ON WITH PLAN A!**

What Happened To Me?⁵

I have been justified (completely forgiven and made righteous)	Romans 5:1
I died with Christ and died to the power of sin's rule over my life.....	Romans 6:1-6
I am free forever from condemnation.....	Romans 8:1
I have been placed into Christ by God's doing.....	1 Corinthians 1:30
I have received the Spirit of God into my life that I might know the things freely given to me by God.....	1 Corinthians 2:12
I have been given the mind of Christ.....	1 Corinthians 2:16
I have been bought with a price. I am not my own. I belong to God.....	1 Corinthians 6:19-20
I have been established, anointed and sealed by God in Christ, and I have been given the Holy Spirit as a pledge (a deposit/down payment) guaranteeing my inheritance to come.....	2 Corinthians 1:21; Ephesians 1:13-14
Since I have died, I no longer live for myself, but for Him (Christ).....	2 Corinthians 5:14-15
I have been made righteous.....	2 Corinthians 5:21
I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. (The life I am now living is Christ's life)	Galatians 2:20
I have been blessed with every spiritual blessing.....	Ephesians 1:3
I was chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and am without blame before Him	Ephesians 1:4
I was predestined (determined by God) to be adopted as a son.....	Ephesians 1:5
I have been redeemed, forgiven, and am a recipient of His lavish grace.....	Ephesians 1:7,8
I have been made alive together with Christ	Ephesians 2:5
I have been raised up and seated with Christ in heaven	Ephesians 2:6
I have direct access to God through the Spirit	Ephesians 2:18
I may approach God with boldness, freedom and confidence	Ephesians 3:12
I have been delivered (rescued) from the domain of darkness (Satan's rule) and transferred to the kingdom of Christ.....	Colossians 1:13
I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins. (The debt against me has been canceled) (see Colossians. 2:13,14)	Colossians 1:14
Christ Himself is in me.....	Colossians 1:27
I am firmly rooted in Christ and am now being built in Him	Colossians 2:7
I have been made complete in Christ	Colossians 2:10
I have been spiritually circumcised (my old, unregenerate nature has been removed)	Colossians 2:11
I have been buried, raised and made alive with Christ	Colossians 2:12, 13

⁵ These Scriptures are from a variety of translations and in some instances have been shortened via paraphrase.

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I have been raised up with Christ. I died with Christ. My life is now hidden with Christ in God. Christ is now my lifeColossians 3:1-4
I have been given a spirit of power, love and self-discipline.....2 Timothy 1:7
I have been saved and called (set apart) according to God's doing.....2 Timothy 1:9; Titus 3:5
Because I am sanctified and am one with the Sanctifier (Christ) He is not ashamed to call me brother.....Hebrews 2:11
I have the right to come boldly before the throne of God (the throne of grace) to find mercy and find grace in time of need.....Hebrew 4:16
I have been given exceedingly great and precious promises by God by which I am a partaker of the divine nature (God's nature)2 Peter 1:4

Who Am I?⁶

I am the salt of the earth.....Matthew 5:13
I am the light of the world.....Matthew 5:14
I am a child of God (part of His family) (see Romans 8:16)John 1:12
I am part of the true vine, a channel (branch) of His (Christ's) life.....John 15:1,5
I am Christ's friendJohn 15:15
I am chosen and appointed by Christ to bear His fruit.....John 15:16
I am a personal witness of Christ for Christ.....Acts 1:8
I am a slave of righteousness.....Romans 6:18
I am enslaved to God.....Romans 6:22
I am a son of God (God is my 'daddy' so to speak)Romans 8:14, 15 (see Gal. 26; 4:6)
I am a joint heir with Christ, sharing his inheritance with Him.....Romans 8:17
I am a temple (home) of God. His Spirit (His life) dwells in me.....1 Corinthians. 3:16, 6:19
I am joined (united) to the Lord and am one spirit with Him.....1 Corinthians 6:17
I am a member (part) of Christ's body.....1 Corinthians 12:27 (see Ephesians 5:30)
I am a new creation (new person)2 Corinthians 5:17
I am reconciled to God and am a minister of reconciliation.....2 Corinthians 5:18,19
I am a son of God and one in Christ.....Galatians 3:26,28
I am an heir of God since I am a child of God.....Galatians 4:6-7
I am a saint.....Ephesians 1:1 (see 1 Cor. 1:2; Phil. 1:1; Col. 1:2)
I am God's workmanship (handiwork) created (born anew) in Christ to do His work that He planned beforehand that I should do.....Ephesians 2:10
I am a fellow citizen with the rest of God's people in His family.....Ephesians 2:19
I am a prisoner of Christ.....Ephesians 3:1; 4:1

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- I am righteous and holy Ephesians 4:24
- I am a citizen of heaven and seated in heaven right now.....Phil. 3:20 (see Eph. 2:6)
- I am hidden with Christ in GodColossians 3:3
- I am an expression of the life of Christ because He is my life.....Colossians 3:4
- I am chosen of God, holy and dearly loved.....Colossians 3:12
- I am chosen and dearly loved by God.....1 Thessalonians 1:4
- I am a son of light and not of darkness.....1 Thessalonians 5:5
- I am a holy brother, partaker of a heavenly calling.....Hebrews 3:1
- I am a partaker of Christ...I share in His life.....Hebrews 3:14
- I am one of God's living stones and am being built up (in Christ) as a spiritual house
.....1 Peter 2:5
- I am a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession to
proclaim the excellencies of Him.....1 Peter 2:9-10
- I am an alien and stranger to this world I temporarily live in.....1 Peter 2:11
- I am an enemy of the devil.....1 Peter 5:8
- I am now a child of God. I will resemble Christ when He returns.....1 John 3:1-2
- I am born of God, and the evil one (the devil) can't touch me.....1 John 5:18
- I am a sheep of His pasture. Therefore, I have everything I need.....Psalm 23 & 100

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