

SPIRITUAL GROWTH SERIES
VOLUME 3: WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST
MESSAGE 8: SUBSTITUTION & IDENTIFICATION
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➤ **FOUNDATION:**

- 2 Corinthians 5:21
- Ephesians 1:12-13, 16-23
 - The same Power that Raised Jesus was used to give us the new birth
 - Jesus was made to be sin – His death was as real as any sinner (separation from God) – Jesus went to hell & paid the full price for sin
 - Jesus' resurrection released Him from the pains of death
 - He became the first born of many
 - Jesus made a show of Satan openly right in Satan's territory
 - Jesus took the keys of hell, death & the grave
 - A Twice born man defeated Satan in his own domain
 - In the new birth we are made in the image of Jesus

I. The Redeemed Man in the Sight of God

- a. Colossians 1:22-23
- b. Ephesians 2:1, 6 — we were dead (separated from God) in our trespasses, now made ALIVE!
 - i. Satan has NO authority over a Born-again Believer
- c. Jesus is Faithful & Just to forgive us our sins and ALL unrighteousness
 - i. 1 John 1:9

II. Knowledge to Gain More Power

- a. 2 Peter 1:1-4
 - i. Verse 1: Peter identifies who he is in Christ
 - ii. Verse 2: Grace & Peace – we are entitled to this
 - 1. Romans 5:2 = we have the right to access God's Grace

- iii. Verse 3: God's divine Power is distributed to the Body of Christ through the knowledge of God that is Revealed to us by the Holy Spirit
- iv. Verse 4: We escape the corruption of this world through:
 - 1. The Revealed knowledge of Grace & Peace
 - 2. Life & Godliness are provided through Revealed Knowledge – the Greater Life (John 10:10 – more abundant)
 - 3. We have the ability & right to partake of God's Nature
- b. Revelation Knowledge – Knowledge Revealed
 - 1. 1 John 4:18

III. Jesus was the Substitute for ALL mankind

- a. Galatians 2:20
- b. Jesus became as Mankind:
 - i. John 1:14
 - ii. Hebrews 2:14-18
- c. Jesus became sin: 2 Corinthians 5:21 – to give us Righteousness
- d. Mankind now can be declared: Justified & Righteous because of Jesus becoming sin, taking on Him the Curse, dying on the Cross, going to hell & His Resurrection from hell
 - i. Romans 5:1-2
 - ii. Romans 5:17