

**MAKING TWENTY, ONE, EIGHT ... Great!**  
"Identity Blessed – Living with a New Identity"

## **I. Who I'm Not - Uncovering Identity Theft –**

- **What we Do**

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind.  
Romans 12:2a (ESV)

- **The Things we Have in Trinkets and Toys**

For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? Matthew 16:26 (ESV)

- **What others say about us and want us to be?**

Am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ. Galatians 1:10 (ESV)

- **The decisions I make and the things I do**

I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I can't. I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway.  
Romans 7:15-20 *sel* (NLT)

## **II. Who I Really Am - Discovering our True Identity**

You received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering. Romans 8:15b-17 (NLT)

**New Family (Acceptance and value)** – Romans 8:15b-17 (NLT)

**New Name** - Revelation 3:12 (NLT)

**New Life** - 2 Corinthians 5:17 (TLB)

**New Authority (Power)** - Matthew 28:18-20 *sel* (NIV)

**New Purpose (Peace)** - 1 Peter 2:9-10 (NIV1984)

**A New Hope & Destiny (Security)** - Romans 8:17-24 *sel* (KJ2000)

## **III. Protecting our Spiritual Identity**

[Your Father, the Devil] was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies. John 8:44 (NLT)

- Daily Seeking Forgiveness – 1 John 1:9 (PHILLIPS)
- Proactively Reading and Believing God's Word – John 15:7-8 (PHILLIPS)
- Spending Time with Other Christians Often – Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)
- Regularly Rejecting the world's characterizations and values – James 4:4 (TLB)