# WHO AM I?

Ephesians 2:1-19

Created with dignity. Unable to save myself. Invited into God's household.

THE KING'S OFFER

## Freedom - and a place in His household

The slave mistakes refusing the king for independence. Yet he remains in bondage.

SERMON ILLUSTRATION

**John 8:34-36**

## FIVE ANSWERS FROM SCRIPTURE

### 1 CREATED

**In God's image, for His glory.**

My dignity comes from the One who made me.

**Genesis 1:26-27; James 3:9**

### 2 RESPONSIBLE

**I have rebelled against God.**

Other people's sins cannot excuse my own.

**Romans 3:23; 1:21**

### 3 UNABLE

**I cannot reconcile myself.**

Good works cannot erase guilt or free me from sin.

**Ephesians 2:1; Romans 3:20**

### 4 LOVED

**Christ gave His own blood.**

The price reveals His love and grace, not my merit.

**1 Peter 1:18-19; Romans 5:8**

### 5 INVITED

**Reconciliation is offered.**

I can trust Christ or refuse Him. His provision must be received.

**Mark 10:17-22; Ephesians 2:13**

**THE SON MAKES US FREE - AND BRINGS US NEAR TO THE FATHER.**

# THE WORD BEHIND THE PICTURE

Selected verses from Ephesians 2 / King James Version

1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins.

8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

## KEEP THESE TRUTHS TOGETHER

**DIGNITY**

God's image gives human life value.

**GRACE**

Redemption reveals Christ's love, not our merit.

**FAITH**

God's gift is received, never earned.

## TAKE THE MESSAGE HOME

1. Why does bearing God's image not mean that I am reconciled to Him?

2. Where do I confuse self-rule with freedom, like the slave in the illustration?

3. Read Ephesians 2:8-9, 13, 18-19. What does Christ give that I cannot earn?

**"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." - John 8:36 (KJV)**