

Dear Friends,

On Sunday we were once again blessed by a message from Jim Gaston. We were reminded that our true identity is found in the person of Jesus Christ. As we live out our true identity, it shapes everything: how we view ourselves and others, how we spend our time, carry out our work, how we love and care for our families and our neighbors. Jim shared a poem from his longtime friend Larry Warner, may this be a blessing and a prayer for you this week dear friend.

**I am/ I was/ I am**

*I am was a sinner, dead in trespasses and sin  
I am was a leper, naked and blind  
I am was an enemy of God  
I am was on the outside looking in.*

*I am now and forever  
a beloved child of God  
forgiven  
adopted  
chosen  
justified and sanctified.*

*I am now and forever  
a new creation  
a masterpiece  
free to receive love  
free to freely love  
free to be, to become.*

*I am now and forever  
known  
loved  
cherished  
enjoyed  
by the Triune God.*

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "J" that loops around the word "John".

Pastor John

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