

Marked with the Spirit

Can I see some identification, please? We are asked this questions in various ways throughout life. Underneath this request is a deeper question: Can you prove who you are?

While we can list various qualities and characteristics that reflect our true selves, the ultimate ID that matters is the presence of the Holy Spirit within us. The Holy Spirit is the mark of our true identity as sons and daughters of God. Read Romans 8 and find great transformative power in knowing it is true!

Paul also says, *“Having believe, you were marked in Christ with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of His glory.”* (Ephesians 1:13-14)

The Holy Spirit is the mark of our true identity as God’s children. But the Spirit is more than a passive mark or seal; He is the driving force of our lives as Christians.

Therefore, when the Spirit is present, the qualities and characteristics of our lives will reflect the identity of Jesus in us, because our lives are being *“transformed into Christ’s likeness,”* and this is being done *“by the Lord, who is the Spirit.”* (2 Corinthians 3:18)

As we grow, our character must reflect His presence: *“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.... We live by the Spirit.”* (Galatians 5:22-25)

Prayer

“O Loving Father, conform me to the character and compassion of your Son Jesus, that I may not only faintly reflect His image but may come to live with His character. Thank you for your Spirit who lives in me and is transforming me. I ask this in Jesus’ name, by the power of the Spirit, and for your glory! Amen.”

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