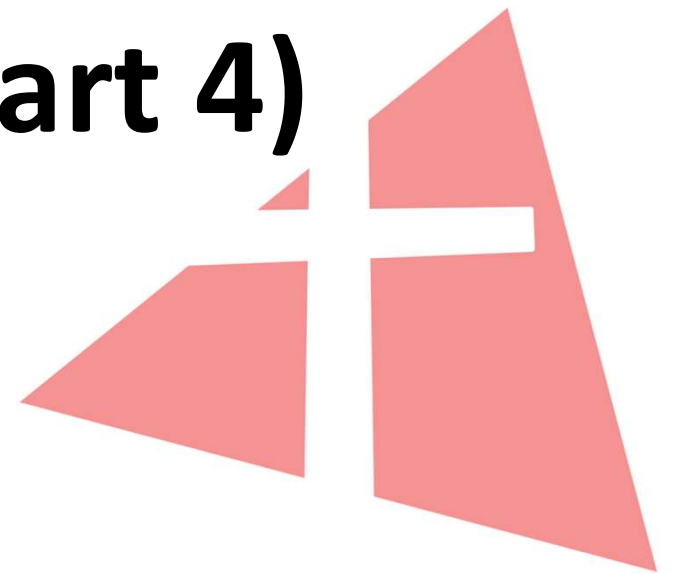


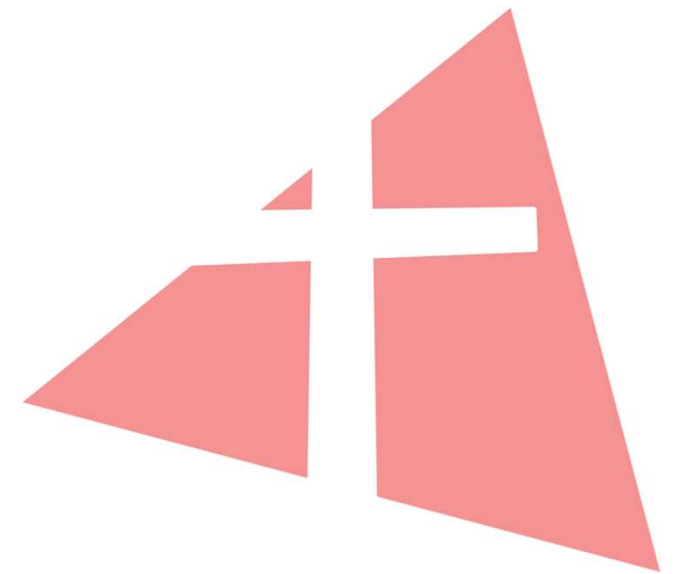
# **Who am I? Creation, Fall and Restoration in Christ (Part 4)**

July 14<sup>th</sup> 2024



# Our Series

- **Who am I? Creation, Fall and Restoration in Christ**
  - Stage 1: How God created Adam and Eve
  - Stage 2: What happened when they sinned
  - Stage 3: How Jesus already restored everything for us
- **One Message, Four Parts**
  - Be sure to listen to all four parts



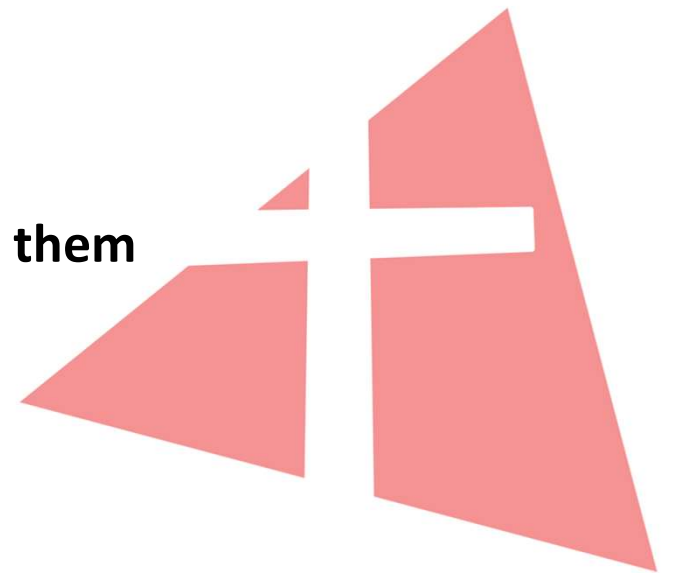
# Quick Recap

- **God created Adam and Eve for His Glory**
- **God created us as His children**
- **God created us to grow into a marriage relationship**
- **God created us to rule and do good works**
- **God created us for community**



# Quick Recap

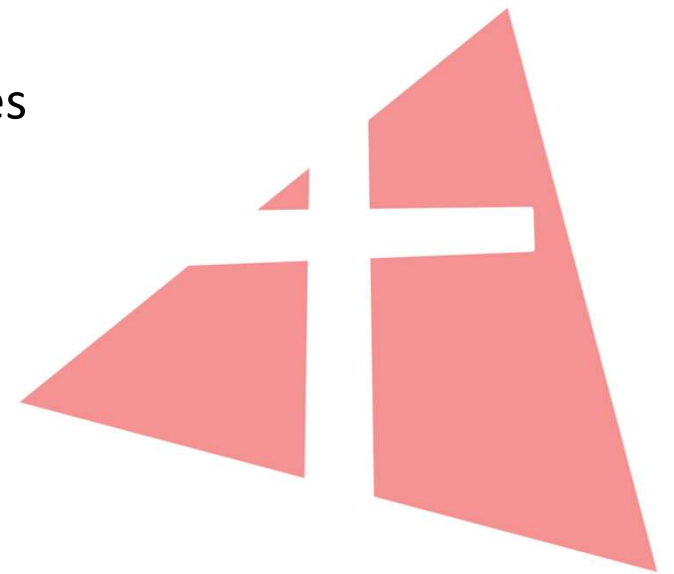
- **God created us in His image**
- **God wanted Adam and Eve to live in safety and security**
- **God gave Adam and Eve a destiny**
- **God gave Adam and Eve desires, so He would eventually fulfill them**



# Last Week's Conclusion

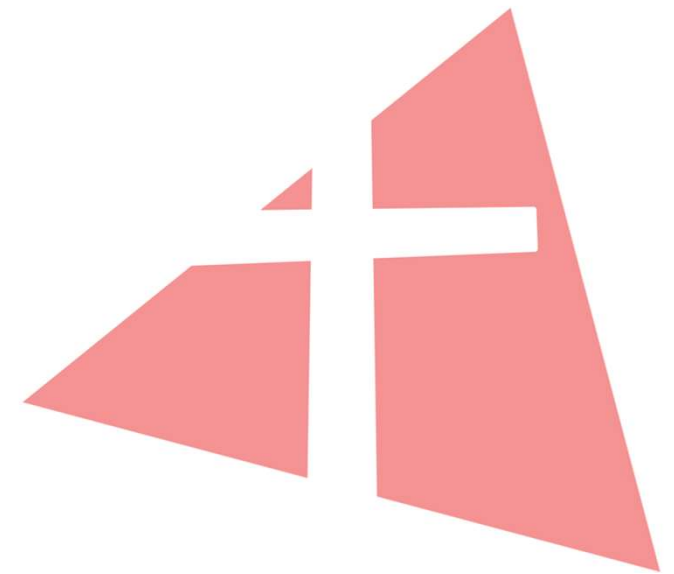
- **We live in both worlds**

- A physical world that is dealing with sin and its consequences
- A spiritual world in which we are already fully restored



# Identity and Self Image

- **Our identity is who we truly are**
- **Our identity comes from God**
  
- **Our self-image doesn't determine who we are**
- **But our self-image does determine how we choose to live**



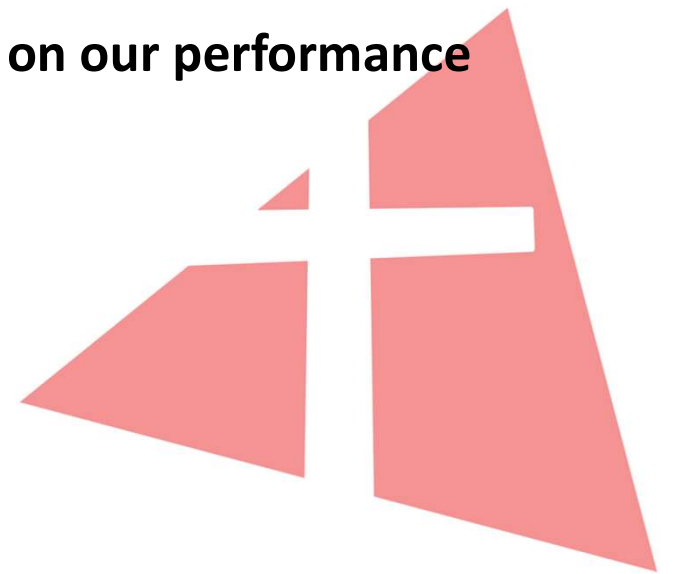
# Our Challenge

- **It's easier to see our fleshly nature**
- **That's why we are tempted to make conclusions about our self-image from our fleshly nature, not our heavenly nature**



# Our Challenge

- **A self-image based on our physical being will always be based on our performance**
- **We will never feel “good enough for God”**

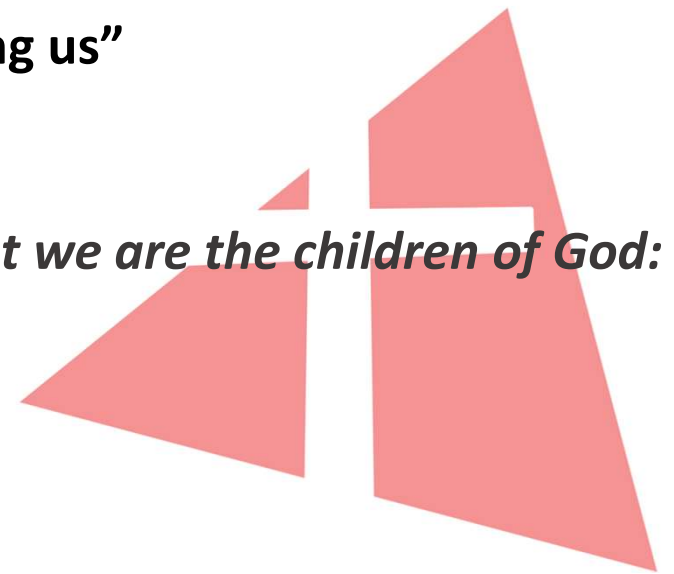




# God's Way

- **Our self-image must be by Faith**
- **Our self-image must be based on “what the Holy Spirit is telling us”**
  - Not trying to convince ourselves or each other

*Romans 8:16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:*



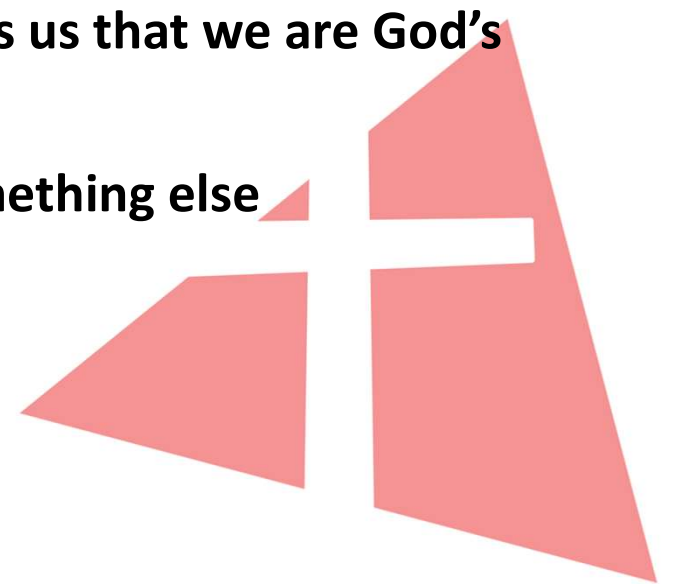
# Our Self-Image

- **Is our self-image based on our worldly being?**
- **Or is our self-image based on our spiritual being?**



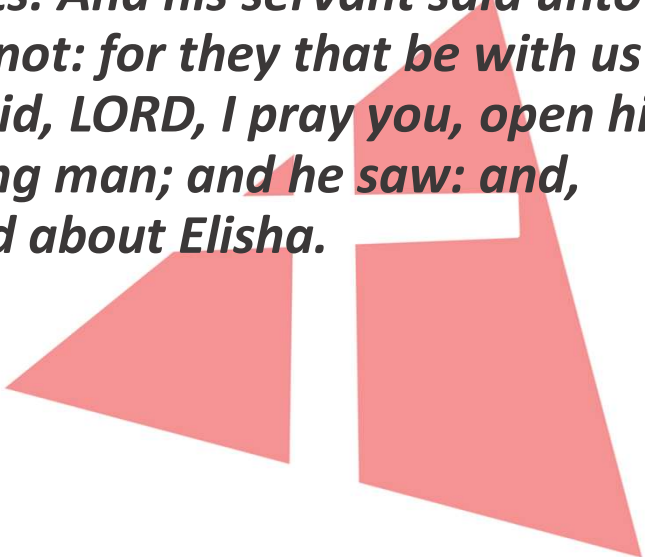
## 2 Problems

- If God says we are “Children of Wrath”, but our self-image tells us that we are God’s children
- If God says we are His children, but our self-image tells us something else



# Spiritual and Physical Reality

*2 Kings 6:15-17 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an army compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! what shall we do? And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray you, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.*



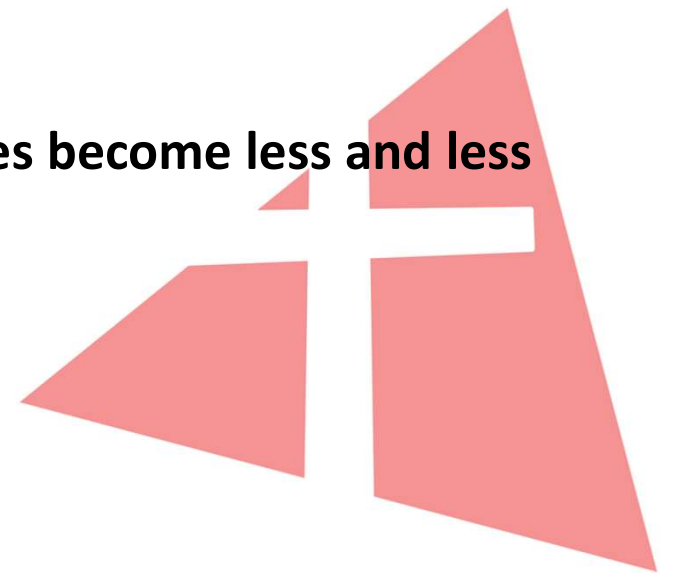
# Our Position

- **Seeing the physical realm in light of the Spiritual realm**



# Our Position

- **The main focus of our lives must be our spiritual identity**
  - Our souls
- **When our souls are satisfied in God, our unmet physical desires become less and less important**



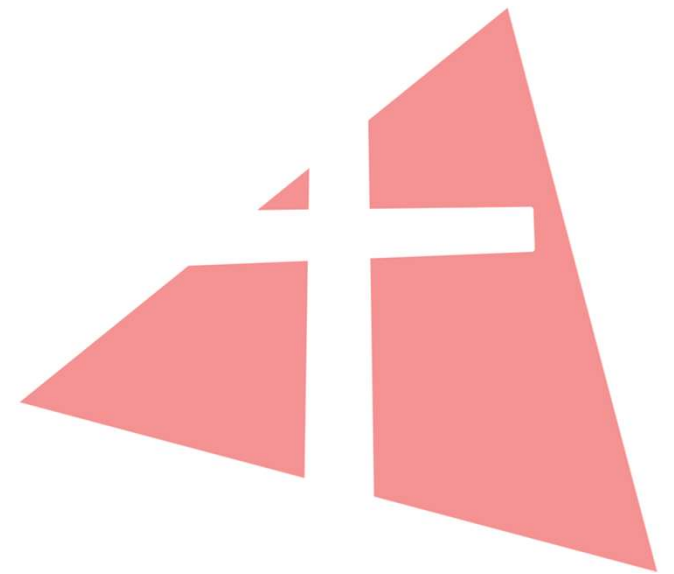
# God's Promises

- Promises are **100% true** for our spiritual being
- Some promises can flow over into our physical realm



# The Problem

- **We run into problems when we believe that all spiritual promises are 100% for this life as well**
  - Riches
  - Healing
  - Safety and Security
  - ...





# The Way to Live

*2 Corinthians 5:7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)*



# In Conclusion

- **Jesus restored everything**
- **Our Self-Image must be based on what the Holy Spirit is telling us**
- **The focus of our lives must be our soul, our spiritual being**

