

# *I Am What I Am*



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**I** *am what I am.*” This is the truth of Scripture! We are not self-created, self-made or self-determined. We are exactly what we are because we are *the created*, and we have so been fashioned. Being God’s *creature*, He has made us precisely who we are.

Of course, in a larger context, He is continually *making* us who we are. That is, His achievement in all of us is an *ongoing* work that will find its final result only when He is completely done with His masterpiece.

The only thing that makes us different from the majority of those around us is *timing*. God’s steady work of creation has always involved the *time* element and, as in the resurrection, in every aspect of His work in all mankind – whether it is birth, realization of the truth, glorification, etc. – is “**every man in his own order**” (I Corinthians 15:23).

We, who are the “*Called*” – the “*First Trusters*,” the “*First Fruits*” – are simply farther along in Father’s handiwork than the rest of His creation. He is doing an *early* work in us. Thus, at times His hand can be more easily identified in our lives than in those around us. Then we can, along with Paul – out of God-given faith – rejoice that, *by Father’s grace we are what we are*. It is only the *timing* of *His grace* that makes the difference.

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