

## WHO ARE WE?

### Part B

#### Hebrews 2

11 For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified *are* all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,

#### 1 Corinthians 6

17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

#### 1 John 4

17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

#### 1 Peter 1

23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

It will be good if you meditate on these scriptures for yourself.

#### Psalms 82

6 I have said, Ye *are* gods; and all of you *are* children of the most High.

7 But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.

Concerning the above scripture which our Lord Jesus quoted from, certain have created the impression that God, Elohim, was merely talking about men as judges. It is true that under the previous covenant, men were God's representatives and were therefore a typological form of God Himself as judges in His stead. However take another look.

#### John 10

34 Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?

35 If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture can not be broken;

36 Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?

Jesus here points out that God is using *Elohim* in the sense of actual divinity. Men born of God by His Word and Spirit are literally God, Elohim. The witness of God is that they are not merely types. Men born into His kingdom in the present covenant are actual partakers of the divine nature. Any and every man (spiritually dead) is restored back into and becomes a

literal partaker of the glory of God here and now when God's eternal Word comes to them and is welcomed and received into their hearts in faith. The departed divine glory that was in the first Adam has been restored back to man in the new creation in and with Christ Jesus. Our heavenly Father now expects us to partake of this His nature and Spirit by faith.

As many as receive God's Word into their hearts by faith are transformed by His power in their inner man into Elohim, sharing God's very nature and substance with Jesus our Lord. This is the purpose of the cross.

The new man is 'not I but Christ'. This creation of the present covenant is already AS He, God, IS. Through the revelation that comes from God by receiving what God says, a man is then renewed into the EXPRESSION of this image by the power of Jesus' Spirit. The outcome is that man's actual DOING of His PERFECT will in this present life. This is because the risen Word, Jesus Christ, has made us AS PERFECT AS our Father in heaven IS.