

# i am

## "I Am Connected"

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### **Text: John 15:5**

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."

### **Declaration of Faith: "Because He Is, I Am."**

-In **Exodus 3:15** God said, "I Am is the name I am to be remembered by from Generation to Generation."

-We have learned thus far in the series that as a believer: I am chosen, I am forgiven, I am redeemed, and I am justified.

### **I. I Am Connected In Christ:**

#### **A. In Love:**

-1 **John 4:8**, "He who does not love does not know God, for God is love."

-**John 13:34**, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another."

#### **B. In Joy:**

-Nehemiah 8:10, "...the joy of the Lord is your strength."

-Isaiah 53:10 says that our Lord was, "...a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief."

-Hebrews 12:2 says that Jesus endured the cross, "...for the joy that was set before Him."

#### **C. In Peace:**

-**John 14:27** Jesus tells His disciples, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

-**Romans 8:28**, says, "...in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose."

### **II. I Am Connected To God's Family:**

-**Hebrews 10:24-25**, "...let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."

-1 **Peter 5:8**, "...your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour."

-1 **Corinthians 9:24**, "Run in such a way as to get the prize."