

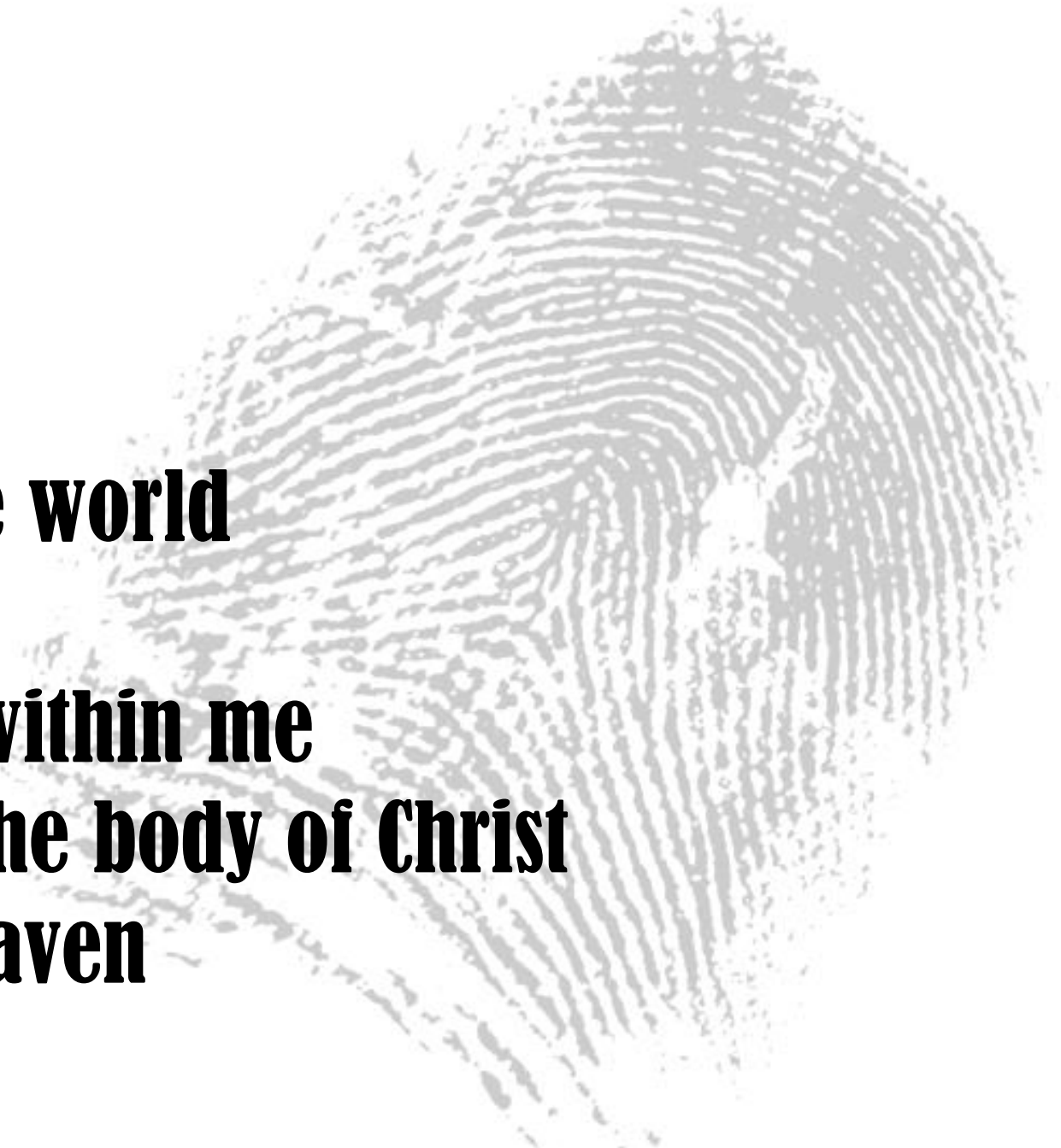


Identity

I am God's Child

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- *I am forgiven*
- **I am God's child**
- **I am the light of the world**
- **I belong to God**
- **I have God's Spirit within me**
- **I am a member of the body of Christ**
- **I am a citizen of heaven**



We are all God's Children

Malachi 2:10 Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us? Why then are we faithless to one another, profaning the covenant of our fathers?

Ephesians 3:14-15 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,

Israel is God's Child

Hosea 11:1 When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.

Isaiah 63:16 For you are our Father, though Abraham does not know us, and Israel does not acknowledge us; you, O Lord, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name.

John 1:9–13

⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Roman 8:14-17

¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

A Gift of Intimacy with God

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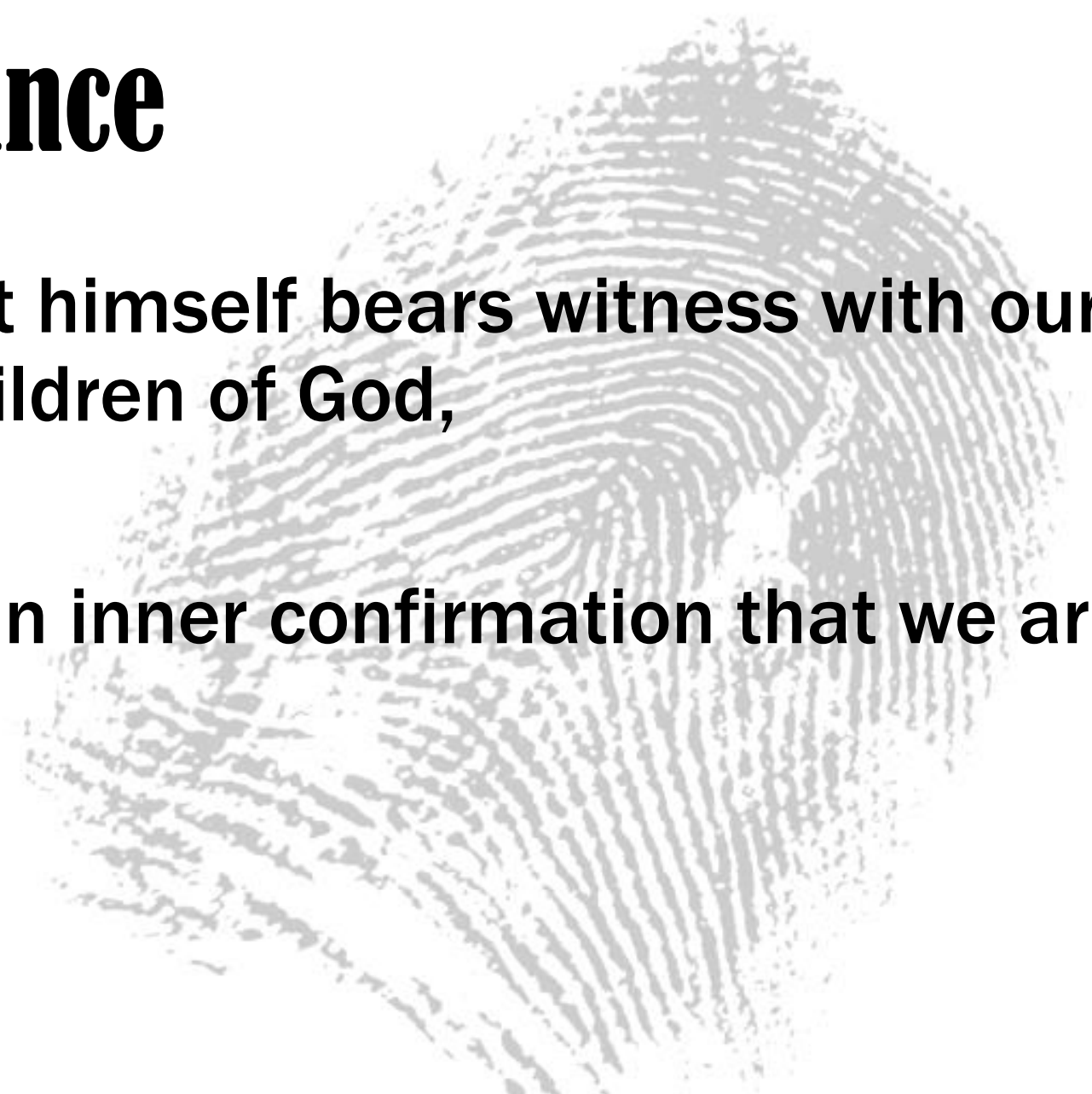
Abba – Aramaic word for Father.

Jesus often addressed God as Abba. Expresses a sense of intimacy.

A Gift of Assurance


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

The Spirit provides an inner confirmation that we are God's child.



A Gift of An Inheritance

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A Choice to Receive Him

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Receiving implies welcoming and submitting to him in personal relationship.

A Choice to Believe in His Name

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Believe – complete trust and reliance

In His Name – All that is true about Jesus

A Choice to Be Led by His Spirit

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Led – yielding to another’s guidance or influence.

