



I Am What I Am

2 Corinthians 5:14-17

I Cannot Help Myself

- Many homosexuals believe they cannot help themselves because there must be something in their DNA.
- There is no Gay Gene.
- People who struggle with sin say, *“I can’t help myself, I was just born that way.”*
- God anticipated people saying they were born “that way” so Jesus said, *“You must be born again.”*
- Christianity is based on the belief that everyone can be made new again.
- The blood of Jesus make the worst sinner pure.

Change Is Not Possible

- Many believe that sinners will always be sinners so why bother with them.
- The belief that “I am what I am” appeals to many people because it gives them an excuse.
- People know what they are doing is wrong, but they do not want it to be their fault!
- The deception of “*I am what I am,*” buys into the idea that the person believes they are trapped.

Repent



- The first step to being healed of your sin is to repent, recognizing that you have messed up and want to change.
- If a person does not WANT to change, they are not going to change.
- If a sinner wants to change, God will help them.
- You cannot change yourself; God does that.
- When we decide we want to change and are baptized, thus allowing ourselves to belong to Christ, God's Spirit comes inside us to change us.

Conclusion



- **The Christian is never trapped by their past.**
- ***“If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”***