

Who am I? And Who are You?

Exodus 3:7-15

My Identity is in Christ:

I am a new creation in Christ

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 2 Corinthians 5:17

I am a member of the Body of Christ

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. 1 Corinthians 12:13

I am a member of a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. 1 Peter 2:9

I am a sojourner and exile on this earth

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. 1 Peter 2:11

I belong to God. My body is the temple of Spirit and I must flee sexual sin.

Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. 1 Corinthians 6:18-20

I am being restored in the image of God

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. 2 Corinthians 3:18

Have you put your trust in Jesus? Why not do so today:

Trusting in Jesus involves three steps:

- **Faith:** a turning towards Jesus
- **Repentance:** a turning away from sin
- **Surrender:** a transfer of Kingship from you to Jesus

A Prayer to Believe in Jesus:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner and need your forgiveness. I believe that you died and rose again to save me from my sins. Please forgive me, and please be the Lord of my life. I give my life to you and put my full trust in you for now and forever. Thank you for hearing my prayer. In Jesus' Name, amen.

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Who am I? What is my true identity?

- The modern emphasis on self
- The quest to find myself
- We seek to define ourselves in many ways...

Exodus 3:7-15 Moses meets God at the Burning Bush

*Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I **have come down to deliver them** out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, **a land flowing with milk and honey**, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.*

*And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. **Come, I will send you** to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "**Who am I** that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" He said, "**But I will be with you**, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."*

*Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, '**What is his name?**' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "**I AM WHO I AM.**" And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: '**I AM has sent me to you.**'" God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: '**The LORD**, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.*

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God promises Salvation and Abundance

I have come down **to deliver them** out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land **to a good and broad land**, a land flowing with milk and honey, Exodus 3:8

- God promises his people **Salvation and Abundance**.

Who am I?

“Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, **“Who am I** that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” ” Exodus 3:10-11

- God tells Moses that his plan to save Israel is to send...Moses!
 - God’s plan is to send people like you and me
- Moses responds: “Who am I?”
 - He is effectively saying, I’m a nobody - nothing in my identity makes me the right person for the job
 - In short, Moses answers, “I am not...”
 - What is the answer to the question: “Who am I?”
- Who am I?** What is your identity? (Genesis 1:26-31, 2:15, Romans 5, 7)
 - A human being
 - Male and female (Genesis 1:27)
 - A multiplier of worshippers (Genesis 1:27)
 - A steward of God’s creation
 - God put man “in the garden to work it and keep it”
 - A human being created “in the image of God”
 - We represent God
 - We reflect God
 - A human being created “in the image of God” who is **marred by sin**
 - We are under the curse of sin through Adam (Romans 5:12-20)
 - We want to do good but we fall short (Romans 7:15)

For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate...¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Romans 7:15, 18-19

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But I will be with you

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- God’s plan is to send people like you and me, and to be with us!
 - “God with us” is a central theme of the Bible - Matthew 1:23, Matthew 28:20, John 1:14, Gal 2:20, Col 1:27b, Revelation 21:3

Who are You?

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- Moses asks God his name (Who are you?).
- God answers “I AM” (14-15)
 - I AM who I AM
 - The God who is
 - The God who is eternal
 - The God who causes everything else to be
 - The God who creates and sustains
 - The God who defines existence and reality
 - The God who is truth
 - The God who never changes
 - “I AM has sent me to you”
- Your Identity is rooted in Jesus Christ**
 - **Jesus identified himself as I AM (John 8:58)**

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20

for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:26-28