

Who Are You?

(Romans 6:3-7)

Unfortunately, for many Christians, they walk around with an identity crisis. For many Christians, they view themselves in the most negative possible way. They think, “I am a wretched, terrible sinner, who God has never been pleased with and will never be pleased with.”

Could that describe you? If you are a Christian, do you know who you really are based on what God has revealed in His word?

Consider four things in regard to how God views His people.

I. **A New Creature**

- A. This happened as soon as we were baptized (Romans 6:3-7; John 3:5).
 - 1. This means that we were given a new identity.
 - 2. This means that we were given new hearts (Ephesians 4:22-24; 1 Timothy 1:12-16).
- B. This doesn't mean that we don't sin from time to time (1 John 1:8-10).
 - 1. But that doesn't mean we are actively pursuing a life of sin.
 - 2. Whatever sinful things we once pursued, we should have committed to stopping those things once we obeyed the gospel!

II. **A Saint**

- A. We became this immediately when we were baptized (Acts 26:10; 1 Corinthians 1:2; 2 Corinthians 1:1; Philippians 1:1; Ephesians 4:12).
 - 1. We are **special** (1 Peter 2:9).
 - 2. We have been **forgiven** (1 Corinthians 6:9-11; 1:2).
 - 3. We have been given great **responsibilities** (1 Peter 1:16; Matthew 5:16; 2 Corinthians 7:1).
- B. We are holy and sanctified unto the Lord!

III. **A child of God**

- A. We are children of God (1 John 3:1; Galatians 3:26)!
 - 1. God is our **father**.
 - 2. We have brothers and sisters in Christ.
 - 3. We are fellow **heirs** with Christ (Romans 8:16-17; 1 Peter 1:3-5).
- B. This is how important we are to God!

IV. **A Fellow worker in the Kingdom**

- A. God expects us to be busy doing some work! See Ephesians 4:12; 3 John 8.
 - 1. This doesn't mean we can earn our salvation (Ephesians 2:8).
 - 2. It means God wants to use us for His glory.
- B. When it comes to our work for God, we need to understand that...
 - 1. God sees it.
 - 2. It is very important (Mark 14:6-9).
 - 3. It pleases Him (Romans 16; 1 Corinthians 15:58; Revelation 14:13).

Conclusion: Do these things describe you? If not, come to the Lord right now!