

From the Family Room

Creekwood Church of Christ

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WHO AM I?



*Who am I that the Lord of all the earth would care to know my name, would care to feel my hurt?
Who am I that the bright and morning star would choose to light the way for my ever wandering heart?*

Who am I, that the eyes that see my sin would look on me with love and watch me rise again?

Who am I, that the voice that calmed the sea would call out through the rain and calm the storm in me?

*Not because of who I am but because of what you've done. Not because of what I've done but because of who you are.
I am a flower quickly fading; here today and gone tomorrow. A wave tossed in the ocean. A vapor in the wind.*

Still you hear me when I'm calling. Lord, you catch me when I'm falling.

And you told me who I am. I am Yours, I am Yours.

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Who am I is the most fundamental question of mankind. Poets, philosophers, leaders of empires, the average woman and man – everyone has asked this question throughout history. This question is at the root of all of our searching for meaning and purpose for our lives. An adolescent must answer this question before they can complete the transition from childhood to adulthood. A person must answer this question before they can set their boundaries. Setting boundaries is determining the preferences and the rules you will live by. These boundaries determine our behavior toward others and behavior we will accept towards us from others. Boundaries give us the power to say either "Yes" or "No" to actions or statements.

This is a complex question that many struggle with all of their lives. It is easier for the Christian to answer. A person who has been buried with Christ in His death and born again in baptism is reconciled to God by the blood of Jesus Christ. They are a Christian. They strive to be like Christ. They know their purpose in life. The boundaries have been clearly set in God's word. Consider the following verses that define who we are in Jesus.

In Jesus I am...

Loved - I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.

Jeremiah 31:3

Forgiven - He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. I Peter 2:24

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

A Saint - And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. I Corinthians 6:11

A Child of God - See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. I John 3:1

An Ambassador - We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. II Corinthians 5:20

A Masterpiece - For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. Ephesians 2:10

To Glorify God - In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Matthew 5:16

Let us always be mindful of the task our children are working on as they mature. Let us always look for opportunities to teach our children about God. Let's train them so that they will live their life in Jesus as His one of His followers. Let's help them to humbly say "I am a Christian who is a teacher, nurse, architect...whatever."

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