

Who I am in Christ

God alone is the great "I am" (Exodus 3:14, John 8:58),

by God's grace I am what I am (1 Corinthians 15:10)

I am a a righteous person who falls down and gets up again (Proverbs 24:16)

I am the salt of the earth (Matthew 5:13)

I am the light of the world (Matthew 5:14)

I am a child of God (John 1:12-13)

I am part of the true vine, a channel of Christ's life (John 15:1,5)

I am Christ's friend (John 15:14-15)

I am chosen and appointed by Christ to bear His fruit (John 15:16)

I am a slave of righteousness (Romans 6:18)

I am enslaved to God (Romans 6:22)

I am a son of God; He is my heavenly Father (Romans 8:14-15; Galatians 3:26; 4:6)

I am a joint heir with Christ, sharing His inheritance with Him (Romans 8:17)

I am a temple, a dwelling place, of God, He lives in me (1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19)

I am am united to the Lord and am one spirit with Him (1 Corinthians 6:17)

I am a member of Christ's body (1 Corinthians 12:27; Ephesians 5:30)

I am a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17)

I am reconciled to God and am an instrument of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18-19)

I am a son of God and one in Christ (Galatians 3:26,28)

I am an heir of God since I am a son of God (Galatians 4:6-7)

I am a saint (Ephesians 1:1; 1 Corinthians 1:2; Philippians 1:1 Colossians 1:2)

I am God's workmanship, His handiwork, made new to do His work (Ephesians 2:10)

I am a fellow citizen with the rest of God's family (Ephesians 2:19)

I am a prisoner of Christ (Ephesians 3:1; 4:1)

I am righteous and holy (Ephesians 4:24)

I am a citizen of heaven, seated in heaven right now (Philippians 3:20; Ephesians 2:6)

I am hidden with Christ in God (Colossians 3:3)

I am an expression of the life of Christ because He is my life (Colossians 3:4)

I am chosen of God, holy and dearly loved (Colossians 3:12; 1 Thessalonians 1:4)

I am a son of light and not of darkness (1 Thessalonians 5:5)

I am a holy partaker of a heavenly calling (Hebrews 3:1)

I am a partaker of Christ; I share in His life (Hebrews 3:14)

I am one of God's living stones, being built up in Christ as a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:5)

I am a member of a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's possession (1 Peter 2:9,10)

I am an alien and stranger to this world where I live temporarily (1 Peter 2:11)

I am an enemy of the devil (1 Peter 5:8)

I am a child of God and I will be like Jesus when I see Him (1 John 3:1-2)

I am born of God, and the evil one - the devil - cannot touch me (1 John 5:18)

I am written in the Lamb's book of Life (Revelation 21:27)

If I believe myself to be "just a sinner"

I use it as an excuse to sin.

If I recognize myself as God has now made me, I will want to live up to it. (Philippians 3:12-14)

I am not a sinner,

rather I am a saint who

struggles to not sin.

In view of who I am in Christ, and since God assigns the place (location and circumstances) and provides the gifting (spiritual gifts & natural abilities) for all the good works I am to do, it enables me to understand how to think properly about myself. Therefore...

If I take credit for any good that I do (1 Corinthians 12:11)...

If I take credit for my circumstances (1 Corinthians 7:17)...

If I believe myself to be better than anyone else (Ephesians 2:10)...

... I am thinking more highly of myself than I ought.

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. Romans 12:3

More Reading: (Proverbs 11:30-31; Luke 15:7, 10; Luke 24:7; John 8:34, 36; Romans 5:8-9, 19; Hebrews 10:11-14, 17; 1 John 3:9; Jude 1:15; Ephesians 1:18; Ephesians 3:16-18; Ephesians 6:18; Colossians 1:12; Jude 1:3)