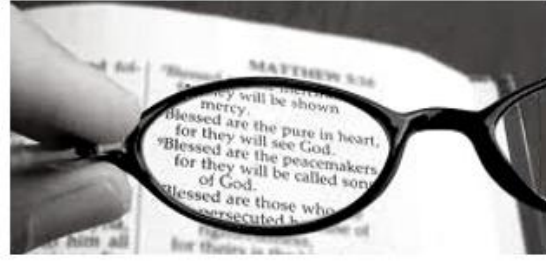


WHO DOES GOD SAY WHO YOU ARE?

YOUR IDENTITY IN SCRIPTURE



Jesus asked his Apostles, “Who do men say that I am?” They responded by stating the various opinions that had prevailed at the time. Yet, there was and still is one right answer. By the prompting of the Holy Spirit, Simon, son of Jonah, stepped forward and proclaimed, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” Today, Jesus continues to ask us the same question. But with this, he is also asking us another question: “Who do you say you are?” Again, answers vary from person to person. Nevertheless, Jesus gives us the right answer.

The right answer is to be found in His Word. By telling us who *he* says we are, Jesus reveals our true identity. But we must lay hold of it! Too often, we let others tell us who they think we are. Worse yet, we believe in lies about ourselves. By discovering our true identity in God’s Word, a new horizon of hope, strength, freedom and transformation is opened to us. Also, by letting God speak his Word to us as his son or daughter in Christ, we will, as his ambassadors, be equipped to help others discover who they really are. Below is a guide to help toward this end.

A BIBLICAL REFERENCE ON HOW GOD SEES YOU ASPECTS OF YOUR IDENTITY

He sees himself, then goes off and promptly forgets what he looked like.

James 1:24

HOW GOD SEES YOU	SCRIPTURE	ASPECT OF IDENTITY
Able Minister	Our qualification comes from God, who has indeed qualified us as ministers of a new covenant (2 Corinthians 3:5-6)	Worth and Belonging
Accepted	He chose us in him...for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved. (Ephesians 1:4,6)	Belonging

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Adopted	God sent his Son to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption. (Galatians 4:5)	Worth and Belonging
Alive in Christ	In Christ shall all be brought to life (I Corinthians 15:22)	Worth and Belonging
Ambassador	So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. (II Corinthians 5:20)	Worth and Belonging
Apple of His Eye	Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings. (Psalm 17:8)	Worth and Belonging
Appreciated	For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love you have demonstrated for his name by having served and continuing to serve the holy ones. (Hebrews 6:10)	Worth and Belonging
Appreciated	And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because he is a disciple - amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward. (Matthew 10:42)	Worth and Belonging
Beautiful	You are as beautiful as Tirzah, my beloved, as lovely as Jerusalem, as awe-inspiring as bannered troops. (Song of Songs 6:4) He has made everything beautiful in its time, and has put the timeless into their hearts, without men's ever discovering, from beginning to end, the work which God has done. (Eccles. 3:11)	Worth and Belonging
Belongs to God	In him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised holy Spirit, which is the first installment of our inheritance	Worth and Belonging

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	toward redemption as God's possession, to the praise of his glory. (Ephesians 1:13-14)	
Beloved	As indeed he says in Hosea: "Those who were not my people I will call 'my people,' and her who was not beloved I will call 'beloved.'" (Romans 9:25) Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience (Colossians 3:12)	Worth and Belonging
Blameless	That he might present to himself the church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. (Ephesians 5:27)	Worth and Belonging
Blessed	Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens. (Ephesians 1:3)	Worth and Belonging
Bride of the King	For the wedding day of the Lamb has come, his bride has made herself ready. She was allowed to wear a bright, clean linen garment. (Revelations 19:7-8) Fear not, you shall not be put to shame; you need not blush, for you shall not be disgraced. The shame of your youth you shall forget, the reproach of your widowhood no longer remember. For he who has become your husband is your Maker; his name is the LORD of hosts; Your redeemer is the	Worth and Belonging

	<p>Holy One of Israel, called God of all the earth. (Isaiah 54:4-5)</p> <p>I betrothed you to one husband to present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. (II Corinthians 11:2)</p>	
Called by Name	Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name: you are mine. (Isaiah 43:1b)	Worth and Belonging
Cared For	<p>The LORD is good, a refuge on the day of distress; He takes care of those who have recourse to him. (Nahum 1:7)</p> <p>Cast all your worries upon him because he cares for you. (I Peter 5:7)</p>	Worth and Belonging
Child of God	<p>The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God (Romans 8:6)</p> <p>See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. (I John 3:1)</p>	Worth and Belonging
Chosen	You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (I Peter 2:9)	Worth and Belonging
Clean	You are already clean because of the word that I spoke to you. (John 15:3)	Worth and Belonging
Clothed in Righteousness	I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul; For he has clothed me with a robe of salvation, and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, Like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels. (Isaiah 61:10)	Worth and Belonging
Complete	You share in this fullness in him, who is the head of every principality and power. (Colossians 2:10)	Worth and Belonging
Confident	Beloved, if (our) hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God. (I John 3:21)	Worth and Belonging

Conqueror	No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. (Romans 8:37)	Worth and Belonging
Covered	I have put my words into your mouth and covered you in the shadow of my hand, I, who stretched out the heavens, who laid the foundations of the earth, who say to Zion: You are my people. (Isaiah 51:16)	Worth and Belonging
Son Daughter of God	<p>"I will receive you and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty." (II Corinthians 6:17-18)</p> <p>For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. (Romans 8:14)</p> <p>See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. (I John 3:1)</p>	Worth and Belonging
Dearly Beloved	Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion...(Colossians 3:12)	Worth and Belonging
Delightful	He set me free in the open; he rescued me because he delights in me. (Psalm 18:20)	Worth and Belonging
Faithful	They will fight with the Lamb, but the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and king of kings, and those with him are called, chosen, and faithful. (Revelation 17:14)	Worth and Belonging
Faithful	I am grateful to him who has strengthened me, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he considered me faithful in appointing me to the ministry. (I Timothy 1:12-13)	Worth and Belonging
Favored	Not with their own swords did they conquer the land, nor did their own arms bring victory; It was your right hand, your own arm, the light of your face for you favored them. (Ps. 44:4)	Worth and Belonging

Fearfully and Wonderfully Made	I praise you, because I am wonderfully made; wonderful are your works! My very self you know. (Ps. 139:14)	Worth and Belonging
Forgiven	I am writing to you, children, because your sins have been forgiven for his name's sake. I John 2:12)	Worth and Belonging
Fragrance of Christ	For we are the aroma of Christ for God among those who are being saved. (II Corinthians 2:15)	Worth and Belonging
Free	For the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus has freed you from the law of sin and death. (Romans 8:2) For freedom Christ set us free; so stand firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery. (Galatians 5:1) You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. (John 8:32)	Worth and Belonging
Free of Shame	Fear not, you shall not be put to shame; you need not blush, for you shall not be disgraced. The shame of your youth you shall forget. (Isaiah 54:4)	Worth and Belonging
Friend of Jesus	I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. (John 15:15)	Worth and Belonging
Fully Known	I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me. John 10:14) At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known. (I Corinthians 13:12)	Worth and Belonging
Gifted	Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us exercise them: if prophecy, in proportion to the faith; if ministry, in ministering;	Worth and Belonging

	<p>if one is a teacher, in teaching; if one exhorts, in exhortation; if one contributes, in generosity; if one is over others, with diligence; if one does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. (Romans 12:6-8)</p> <p>As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. (I Peter 4:10)</p>	
Good	<p>God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good. Genesis 1:31</p> <p>For you love all things that are and loathe nothing that you have made; for what you hated, you would not have fashioned. And how could a thing remain, unless you willed it; or be preserved, had it not been called forth by you? But you spare all things, because they are yours, O LORD and lover of souls. (Wisdom 11:24-26)</p>	Worth and Belonging
Healed	<p>O LORD, my God, I cried out to you for help and you healed me. (psalm 30:3)</p> <p>But he was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins, upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole, by his stripes we were healed. (Isaiah 53:5)</p>	Worth and Belonging
Heard	<p>The eyes of the LORD are directed toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry. (Psalm 34:16)</p> <p>He is not deaf to the wail of the orphan, nor to the widow when she pours out her complaint... He who serves God willingly is heard; his petition reaches the heavens. The prayer of the lowly</p>	Worth and Belonging

	pierces the clouds; it does not rest till it reaches its goal. (Sirach 35:14, 16-17)	
Heir	The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. (Romans 8:17)	Worth and Belonging
Hidden in God	For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. (Colossians 3:3) How great is your goodness, Lord, stored up for those who fear you. You display it for those who trust you, in the sight of the children of Adam. You hide them in the shelter of your presence, safe from scheming enemies. You conceal them in your tent, away from the strife of tongues. (Psalm 31:20-21)	Worth and Belonging
Holy	But you are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Peter 2:9) And you who once were alienated and hostile in mind because of evil deeds he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through his death, to present you holy, without blemish, and irreproachable before him. (Colossians 1:21-22)	Worth and Belonging
Invited	Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)	Worth and Belonging
Joyful	Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy. (1 Peter 1:8)	Worth and Belonging

Justified	Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 5:1)	Worth and Belonging
Light of the World	You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. (Matthew 5:14)	Worth and Belonging
Loved by God	As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. (John 15:9)	Worth and Belonging
Member of the Body	We, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another. (Romans 12:5) Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it. (I Corinthians 12:27)	Worth and Belonging
Mighty	His descendants shall be mighty in the land, a generation of the upright will be blessed. (Psalm 112:2)	Worth and Belonging
Never Abandoned	Be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never forsake you or abandon you." (Hebrews 13:5)	Worth and Belonging
Never Alone	And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age. (Matthew 28:20)	Worth and Belonging
New	So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. (II Corinthians 5:17) The one who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." (Revelations 21:4) Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? In the desert I make a way, in the wasteland, rivers. (Isaiah 43:18-19)	Worth and Belonging
Overcomer	Whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. (I John 5:4)	Worth and Belonging

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Perfect	For by one offering he has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated. (Hebrews 10:14)	Worth and Belonging
Precious	Because you are precious in my eyes and glorious, and because I love you, I give... (Isaiah 43:4)	Worth and Belonging
Pure	But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, then we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of his Son Jesus cleanses us from all sin. (I John 1:17)	Worth and Belonging
Qualified	Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light. (Colossians 1:12)	Worth and Belonging
Reconciled and Redeemed	Christ ransomed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who hangs on a tree." (Galatians 3:13)	Worth and Belonging
Remembered	Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you. See, upon the palms of my hands I have written your name; your walls are ever before me. (Isaiah 49:15-16)	Worth and Belonging
Rescued	He rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (Colossians 1:13-14)	Worth and Belonging
Righteous	Be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth. (Ephesians 4:23-24)	Worth and Belonging
Salt	You are the salt of the earth. (Matthew 5:13)	Worth and Belonging
Saved	The LORD is your saving shield. (Deuteronomy 33:29)	Worth and Belonging
Servant of the Lord	LORD, I am your servant,	Worth and Belonging

	your servant, the child of your maidservant; you have loosed my bonds. (Psalm 116:16)	
Shepherded	Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care. (Isaiah 40:11) The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack. In green pastures he makes me lie down; to still waters he leads me. (Psalm 23:1-2)	Worth and Belonging
Sister, Brother, Mother	For whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is my brother, and sister, and mother. (Matthew 12:50)	Worth and Belonging
Slave of Righteousness	Freed from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. (Romans 6:18)	Worth and Belonging
Sound of Mind	For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. (II Timothy 1:7)	Worth and Belonging
Strong	He gives strength to the fainting; for the weak he makes vigor abound. (Isaiah 40:29) The one who looked like a man touched me again and strengthened me, saying, "Fear not, beloved, you are safe; take courage and be strong." Daniel 10:19)	Worth and Belonging
Student	For whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)	Worth and Belonging
Treasure	For you are a people sacred to the LORD, your God; he has chosen you from all the nations on the face of the earth to be His people, His treasured possession. (Deuteronomy 7:6).	Worth and Belonging
Unashamed	Be eager to present yourself as acceptable to God, a workman	Worth and Belonging

	who need not be ashamed, imparting the word of truth without deviation. (I Timothy 2:15)	
Unburdened	"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)	Worth and Belonging
Understood	For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin. (Hebrews 4:15)	Worth and Belonging
Valued	So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. (Matthew 10:31)	Worth and Belonging
Victorious	But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (I Corinthians 15:57)	Worth and Belonging
Virgin	<p>Speak to them this word: Let my eyes stream with tears day and night, without rest, Over the great destruction which overwhelms the virgin daughter of my people, over her incurable wound. (Jeremiah 14:17)</p> <p>For I am jealous of you with the jealousy of God, since I betrothed you to one husband to present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. (II Corinthians 11:2)</p>	Worth and Belonging
Washed	That is what some of you used to be; but now you have had yourselves washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God. (I Corinthians 6:11)	Worth and Belonging
Welcome	<p>Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, (then) I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me. (Revelations 3:20)</p> <p>Trust God at all times, my people! Pour out your hearts to God our refuge! (Psalm 62:8)</p>	Worth and Belonging

Without Blemish and Accusation	He has now reconciled in his fleshly body through his death, to present you holy, without blemish, and irreproachable before him. (Colossians 1:22)	Worth and Belonging
Without Condemnation	Hence, now there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. (Romans 8:1)	Worth and Belonging
Worthy	This is evidence of the just judgment of God, so that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God for which you are suffering. (II Thessalonians 1:5)	Worth and Belonging

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