

## Who am I?

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We must understand what God says about us as Christians. Positionally we are found “in Christ” and our destiny is secure, but we still live in the world and we haven’t arrived at perfection.

As Christians, we are both holy and being made holy. Our salvation is as good as complete, but it won’t be complete until we stand before our Savior face-to-face. Read Romans 8, it has much to say about the Christian and sin:

**Sin’s penalty** – Paid in full by Jesus. As a Christian, you should not fear condemnation.

**Sin’s power** – Through your position in Christ you have power over sin, but it will be a war until the day you die.

**Sin’s presence** – You live in a fallen world and will not be free from the presence of sin until God calls you home.

### **Balancing the truth of “holy” and “being made holy”**

B e l i e v e what God says about you being united with Christ. (See attached list)

Humbly cultivate a lifestyle of w a l k i n g w i t h G o d

Choose to s u b m i t your mind to Christ (Ps 37:4)

E x a m i n e your heart daily

Measure your thoughts, words, and action against the S c r i p t u r e

Seek counsel and accountability with more m a t u r e Christians

### **The Power of Union with Christ**

Ephesians 1:7      **Forgiveness, redemption**

Ephesians 1:13    **Security**

Philippians 3:9    **Jesus’ performance, not mine**

Colossians 3:1-4   **Co-buried and risen with Christ...act like who you are**

Galatians 3:28/Colossians 3:11      **No “hyphenated” Christians**

### A Personal Manifesto

I am created by God in His image → self acceptance

- I was made to know, enjoy, and worship my Creator (purpose)
- I am a work of His art unchangeables as marks of God's ownership
- I am SHAPED to worship God through serving

The image of God in me is marred by sin (don't get proud)

God the Holy Spirit lives in me

- Empowerment (1 John 2:20, 27 → John 16:13)
- Yield to Him...be filled! (Eph 5:18-20; Gal 5:16-26)
- Gifted by the Spirit (Romans 12:3-8; 1 Cor 12:4-11; 1 Peter 4:10-11)

God has adopted me into His family for a purpose (identity and heritage)

I am under authority (God, gov't, church, family, employment, etc.)

God holds me responsible for my thoughts, words, and actions

Ecc 12:13,14; Romans 14:12

I live in a fallen world

- Suffering happens, but misery is a choice
- Forgive those who have wronged me

Success in life is becoming Christlike and pointing others toward Him.