

Mt. Lebanon Church

Sermon

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Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what he would have you to see through the study of Gods word.

Who Am I

2 Samuel 7: 18 – 20

In our life as believers, there will often come times, when we will feel the need to try and find ourselves. We begin to ask ourselves the same old questions over and over and over, Who Am I, what am I meant to be, and what is my purpose in life. This search is usually prompted in our life when we find ourselves going through trials and tribulations, and we find the need to explore our heart, and to identify with those things that we like or do not like about ourselves. Sadly, this normally will take place through our worldly emotional self, and the results are usually devastating, causing worldly fear and anxiety, which only multiplies the sorrow of the trials and tribulations that we are going through. Thankfully, through Christ, God has made a way of escape. Through the crucifixion and resurrection of his only begotten Son, and with the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit, finding ourselves does not have to be such a difficult time in our lives. The truth is, who we are has already been predetermined, even before the beginning of time. Our salvation insures us that we are a child of God, made in his image, a reflection of him, all for the glory of God.

2 Samuel 7: 18 – 20,....then king David went in and sat before the Lord, and he said, Who am I, O Lord God....and what is my house, that you have brought me this far. And yet this is a small thing in your sight, O Lord God....Is this the manner of man, O Lord God....and what can David say more unto thee, for thou, Lord God, knowest thy servant....

Who Am I, the starting point to finding out who we truly are in Christ, begins with humility. This means that we see ourselves and who we really are through the eyes of God. We are humbled by the awareness that God would willingly choose to use us as his servant. In Christ we are regenerated, renewed, born again, made an entirely new creation and we are now spiritually minded. Therefore, we belong to Christ, united with him, made alive with him, conformed to his image, free from condemnation, walking according to his spirit, we have now become part of the body of Christ.

Ephesians 1: 3,....blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ....

In Christ, we can now choose to resist sin, and this is made possible through prayer, and through obedience to the word of God. In Christ we are loved, forgiven, and secured. In Christ we are adopted, justified, redeemed, reconciled, and chosen. In Christ we are victorious, filled with joy and peace, and granted the true meaning of life. This is who I am.

Why does God want us to know who we are, it is so that we can live our life as God has intended, to fulfill his spiritual destiny in us. The more that we identify with Christ, the more that we will begin to reflect our God given identity. Understanding who we are in Christ gives unto us the foundation that we need to build our life on.

John 20: 1 – 16,....the first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre....but Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping, and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre....Jesus saith unto her, woman, why weepest thou, whom sleekest thou....Jesus saith unto her, Mary, she turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni, which is to say, Master....

It was at this moment in time, that Mary realized who she was. Like Mary, Christ must bring us into a place of humility in order to get us to see who we really are. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, he will bring us into a place in our life, where we will find ourselves standing outside of his grace, which means, that there will be disappointment because we do not understand the greater workings of what God is doing. We are disappointed because, we are standing outside of his grace, looking into what we believe to be emptiness, just as Mary though she saw emptiness in the tomb, and at this point in time it would seem to us that Gods promises are not standing true. But, when we begin to process these disappointments in the light of what Christ did for us on the cross, and what he overcame for us through his resurrection, this is when we begin to hear him speaking unto us, he begins to bring us into the humility that we need in him, so that we may begin to hear him calling unto us, and it is at this moment that we will hear him speak our name, and like Mary, we will now realize who we are, and that is a sinner, saved by the grace of God.

Isaiah 43: 1,....but now thus saith the Lord that created thee....and he that formed thee....fear not, for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by name, thou art mine....

Despite our unbelief, God has never forsaken us, and through the crucifixion and the resurrection he has given unto us the ability to become a new creation in him. Due to salvation, we do not need to fear, for we are no longer dead in trespasses and in sin, eternally separated from God, because we are redeemed through the precious blood of Jesus Christ, which was bought with a price, paid in full. For this reason, he calls us by name, and in return he gives unto us the ability to recognize him as Lord and master of our life.

Luke 13: 12 – 15,....know ye what I have done to you, ye call me master and Lord, and ye say well, for so I am....for I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done....

Everything that Christ has promised, is a direct fulfillment of his word. Through the cross, and the resurrection, he has proven that he is still truly the Son of God. Christ, who was both the Son of man and the Son of God, came down from heaven to be our Lord, our savior, and our God. So, who am I, this answer comes because of our salvation, I have been brought into the family of God, and joined unto him as one in the body of Christ. I have been called, chosen, justified, sanctified, and I have the promise of being eternally glorified. Who am I, I am the child of the living God, a part of the body, of Christ.

Let us Pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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