



## ~ Who You Are ~

***"You didn't choose me, remember; I chose you, and put you in the world to bear fruit, fruit that won't spoil. As fruit bearers, whatever you ask the Father in relation to me, He gives you." – John 15:16 (Message)***

Our identity as humans has been the focal point of war since the beginning of earth's history. It seems that "who" we belong to has very significant results as to where we ultimately end up in life and in eternity.

This "identity" has been the target for all of our enemy's energies and resources. If he can effectively make us forget, doubt, disbelieve, or disinherit who we really are then he has won the battle for our soul.

The bible tells us the following about who we are:

1. God formed us with His own hands. We are children of God. (Genesis 2:7)
2. God chose us, we didn't choose Him. (John 15:16)
3. He decided who we would be before we were born. (Psalm 139:13-14)

This war on our identity has been very effective. Who we are dictates our value and worth in life. It tells us how much social value and status we have. Friends, work, parents, family, home, and things around us work to appear in giving us a perceived perception of "who" we are and if we have "arrived" or not.

From the beginning, God ordained and prepared the way for His children to spend eternity with Him. We are His. This is the war that has been fought since the beginning of time on our earth. Satan doesn't want others to have what he has rejected. But, God loves so deeply that He left one little detail for us to do – choice. It is our choice to accept our inheritance and our identity. We can choose to walk away from it. We can choose to accept God as our father or Satan as the replacement. That choice dictates two things:

- Our peace and joy
- Our eternal future

When we realize who we are in Christ and live it out in our lives, we completely break the enemy's stronghold over us. Living out our first, true identity brings victory and joy into our lives where otherwise there would be sorrow and sadness. We NEED to know who we are. We

need to always remember our value and worth in Jesus because when everything else crumbles around us, we will not be shaken. Our identity gives us our value and our worth. It gives us peace and joy.

The bible states the results of our choice quite simply: “Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him.” – John 3:36

This begs the question: do you know who you are? God does. He is watching you and waiting for you to acknowledge Him. He can take away the doubt and fear that surrounds you. He can show you the true meaning of who you are and the power you have available through Him to be victorious and joyful. Let Him start today by asking Him to accept you into His family and show you who you really are.

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