

## WHO DOES GOD SAY THAT I AM

We often have thoughts of ourselves, what we may or may not look like, how we search for approval from others and sometimes even try to identify ourselves with others, how we think, walk, talk, dress etc etc is often found to be done just so that some other person would approve us.

### But what does God think of us?

God created us uniquely, Let's look at what uniquely means... it means

**1. " IN A WAY THAT BELONGS OR IS CONNECTED TO ONLY ONE PARTICULAR PERSON OR THING."**

1. **Have you ever thought of yourself in that way?**

2. **Just Think of that for a moment...there is only one of you in this whole wide world!**

2. second meaning "In a very special or unusual way".

**God made you in a different way.**

1. **He made us different than the animals, Birds, Fish or flowers and plants.**

2. **GENESIS 2:7 He breathed His breath into us**

*2:7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. 8 And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.*

### So here when we look at creation we see what God thinks of us.

He had made the man and the Woman in the image Of God. ( in His own image!)

#### **Genesis 1:26-27**

*26 And God said, Let us make man **in our image, after our likeness**: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. 28 And God **blessed them**, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. 29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. 30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to everything that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so. 31 And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.*

He saw us and said:

#### **Genesis 1:31 (AMPC)**

**31 And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good (suitable, pleasant) and He approved it completely. And there was evening and there was morning, a sixth day.**

### But that's not all He says about who we are.

**In Isaiah 43:1b, we're reminded: "I have called you by name; you are mine."**

God shaped us as a potter does clay. God has not only created us but formed us and called us to serve Him in specific ways, tailored to each life.

If we are His it also means that He longs for a relationship with each and every one of us.

**John 10:27-28** *"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; **no one can snatch them out of my hand.**"*

So This is what we are to God.

### **Who we are in Jesus Christ**

**Ephesians 5:8** *"You are no longer darkness, but light in my Son. Walk as children of light*

**Matthew 5:14** *"You are the light of the world, a city set on a hill*

**2Peter 1:3** *I have called you ( He has called each and every one of us by name)*

**Romans 1:7** *You are now a saint, an appointed one, a servant & a witness, a steward, and a soldier*

<sup>7</sup>To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be **saints**:

**Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Acts 26:16** <sup>16</sup> But rise and stand upon your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, To appoint you as a **servant** and **witness** to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you,

**1 Peter 4 :10** <sup>10</sup> As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:

**2 Timothy 2:3** <sup>3</sup> Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

### **I am a Child of God**

John 1:12

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,

### **I am set apart**

Hebrews 10:10-12 GOD'S WORD Translation (GW)

**10** We have been set apart as holy because Jesus Christ did what God wanted him to do by sacrificing his body once and for all.

**11** Every day each priest performed his religious duty. He offered the same type of sacrifice again and again. Yet, these sacrifices could never take away sins. **12** However, this chief priest made one sacrifice for sins, and this sacrifice lasts forever. Now he holds the honored position—the one next to God the Father on the heavenly throne.

### **I am a giver**

Hebrews 13:16

And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased

**Acts 20:35**

"In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

**Philippians 2:4**

do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

**Luke 6:38**

"Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure--pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return."

### **I am a blesser**

Galatians 6:10

So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith. Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.( this is being a Blessing to others)

2 Corinthians 9:8-11

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

### **I am a disciple**

John 13:34-35

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

### **I am of use to the kingdom**

Luke 4:43

We "must preach the good news of the kingdom of God"

Luke 8:1

"proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God"

Luke 11:20

"If it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you"

( Jesus doesn't only declare the Kingdom he also demonstrates it through His works!

Luke 10:1-4

**10.**After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. **2** He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. **3** Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. **4** Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

### **I am a doer and not just a sayer**

James 1:22-25

**22** But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. **23** For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; **24** for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. **25** But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues *in it*, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

### **I am healed by His stripes**

Isaiah 53:5

**5** But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our guilt *and* iniquities; the chastisement [needful to obtain] peace *and* well-being for us was upon Him, and with the stripes [that wounded] Him we are healed *and* made whole.

1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

### **I am saved by His Grace ( Grace = spiritual Blessing and favour)**

1 Timothy 1:14

And the grace (unmerited favour and blessing) of our Lord [actually] flowed out superabundantly *and* beyond measure for me, accompanied by faith and love that are [to be realized] in Christ Jesus.

1 Timothy 1:1-2

**1** Paul, an apostle (special messenger) of Christ Jesus by appointment *and* command of God our Saviour and of Christ Jesus (the Messiah), our Hope,

**2** To Timothy, my true son in the faith: Grace (spiritual blessing and favour), mercy, and [heart] peace [be yours] from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

( here we see that we May speak God's Grace over each other)

### **I am protected by His hands**

Psalms 23:1-6( a psalm of David)

**1** The Lord is my Shepherd [to feed, guide, and shield me], I shall not lack.

**2** He makes me lie down in [fresh, tender] green pastures; He leads me beside the still *and* restful waters.

**3** He refreshes *and* restores my life (my self); He leads me in the paths of righteousness [uprightness and right standing with Him—not for my earning it, but] for His name's sake.

**4** Yes, though I walk through the [deep, sunless] valley of the shadow of death, I will fear *or* dread no evil, for You are with me; Your rod [to protect] and Your staff [to guide], they comfort me.

**5** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my [brimming] cup runs over.

**6** Surely *or* only goodness, mercy, *and* unfailing love shall follow me all the days of my life, and through the length of my days the house of the Lord [and His presence] shall be my dwelling place.

### **I am an heir of God**

Romans 8:16-17

Paul says, "Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory."

(According to this verse, we share in the sufferings of Christ now and will share in the glory of Christ later as His "co-heirs" or "joint-heirs.")

we have "an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade . . . kept in heaven"

Galatians 3:29

And if you *are* Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

## **I am unique**

1 John 5:4

For whatever is born of God is victorious over the world; and this is the victory that conquers the world, even our faith.

## **I am empowered**

Romans4: 20-22

No unbelief *or* distrust made him waver (doubtingly question) concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong *and* was empowered by faith as he gave praise *and* glory to God, **21** Fully satisfied *and* assured that God was able *and* mighty to keep His word *and* to do what He had promised.

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### **Or from the WEB version**

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## **I am part of Gods plan**

1 Peter 2:9

*“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light.”*

Ephesians 1:4-5

*“Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will ...”*

Ephesians 2:10

*“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”*

1 Timothy 2:3-4

*“For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”*

2 Peter 1:3-4

*“... as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the Devine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”*

*(God’s nature, or divine nature, is perfectly pure and it cannot be tempted by evil. We are promised that we can be partakers of the divine nature by fleeing the corruption in the world that comes through our lusts. As we gradually overcome our sinful human nature it is replaced by divine nature – God shares His own nature with...us. As our natural reactions to the situations we meet in life are overcome, the works of the flesh, such as envy, pride, malice, and greed, are replaced by the fruit of the Spirit. In other words, reacting with love, humility, goodness, joy, etc. becomes our very nature. This is what it means that we can partake of divine nature. This is the process of sanctification. ( 2 Peter 1:2-4; 2 Corinthians 2:18: 1; John 3:2-3; James 1:13;Galatians 5)*

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

### **I am not forsaken**

Psalm 94:14

*"For the Lord will not cast off His people, nor will He forsake His inheritance."*

Exodus 19:5

*Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine."*

Joshua 1:19

*"Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."*

Deuteronomy 31:8

*"And the Lord, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed."*

Romans 8:38-39

*"For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

### **I am more than a conqueror**

Romans 8:31-39 ( only read 37-39 now)

**37** Yet amid all these things we are more than conquerors *and* gain a surpassing victory through Him Who loved us.

**38** For I am persuaded beyond doubt (am sure) that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor things impending *and* threatening nor things to come, nor powers,

**39** Nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **I am inseparable from the Love of Jesus**

Romans 8:39

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### **I am going to spend eternity with God.**

John 3:16

*"For God so loved that world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."*

Romans 6:22

*"But now having been set free from sin , and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life."*

*(Sin is anything that goes against God's will and His laws. To commit sin is to transgress or disobey these laws. The lust to sin dwells in human nature. In other words, it is contaminated and motivated by the sinful tendencies that dwell in all people as a result of the fall into sin and disobedience in the garden of Eden.)*

John 4:14

*"... but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."*

John 14:2-3

*"In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also."*

Revelation 21:3-4

*"Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."*

**GOD HAS GIVEN US ALL HIS INCREDIBLE (\* IMPOSSIBLE TO BELIEVE\*) PROMISES TO HELP US THROUGH LIFE AND TO KEEP US ON HIS PATH... HIS WORD IS A LAMP TO OUR FEET... IF YOU ARE RUNNING LOW ON HOPE PLEASE, PLEASE RUN TO THE WORD OF GOD TO RECHARGE YOUR FAITH, HOPE & SPIRIT.**

**SHALOM-** ("Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, 'Thus you shall bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them: The LORD bless you, and keep you; The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.'" – Numbers 6:23-26)