

WHO AM I?
Part I
1st Corinthians 3:1-4

Introduction: The greatest inviolable revelation knowledge believers can discern is to be incontrovertibly certain of how they rate in God's eyes. As a transmuted, redeemed, born again believer, we can of a certainty, unambiguously know through the Word of God where we stand with Him. Upon matriculation into college, we know our grade level. As a member of the United States military, each soldier is aware of his or her rank and serial number. Those employed on a job of any consequence are assigned a position and given a specific work load. Using the same logic, it is only reasonable to have knowledge of what our position is with God, so that we can live out our divine destiny.

- I. What does God think of you?
 - A. When we are aware of who we are in Christ, we have confidence in our walk. *Ephesians 3:12*.
 - B. There is no limit to this new life except for what we put on ourselves. *Ephesians 4:7*. This unmerited grace equips us to live our lives in His will. What is His will?
 1. To walk in the fullness of His fellowship. *Ephesians 4:13*. This means that we are not to stop until we arrive at our destination. We should no longer be as children and lose our focus. *Ephesians 4:14*. We grow up to the stature of Christ's example. *Verse 15*.
 2. Think about it! Everything Jesus purchased for you in His redemptive work is available to you. "*And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace.*" *John 1:16*.
 3. When you are in Christ, you have partaken of the very nature of the Father. There is no avenue to be weak, because in the mind of the Father you are complete in Him who is the irrevocable Head of all principalities and power. You are complete in Him. *Colossians 2:10*.
 - C. We are the body of Christ.
 1. *Ephesians 1:22-23*. This is an awesome revelation. He has mandated us to be a catalyst in the managing of His work on earth.
 2. We are the contingency of His body that is running errands for Him, and He has put all of the forces of darkness under our feet. *Deuteronomy 32:30* "...one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight..." This involves the law of synergy, the law of spiritual multiplication.
 3. The ability of God that is within us is limitless, and our total dependence is on Him. *2nd Corinthians 3:4-5*. *Verse 6* in the Amplified says we are "...*ministers and dispensers of a new covenant [of salvation through Christ]...*" We all are called to be this kind of minister.
 4. Jesus promised power from Heaven to equip us with the power needed to succeed at our calling. *Acts 1:8*. This is a supernatural ability.
 - a. Ability to know what the new creation means. *2nd Corinthians 5:17 (Amplified)*.
 - b. The ability to enter into divine life. *2nd Peter 1:1-4*.
 - c. The ability to be His witness. *Acts 1:8*.
 - d. The ability to heal the sick and cast out evil spirits. *Mark 16:17*. Until our hearts take in these truths, we will walk as unregenerate men.
 5. Samson is an example of a man who ignored his covenant rights; he was then captured by the Philistines and consequently lost his vision. The eyes of the heart of most Christians are like Samson's. They have lost their ability to enjoy the fullness of their rights in Christ. Listen to the assurance He gives us in *John 10:29*.
 - a. We have a Heavenly Father who cares.
 - b. He loves us with an everlasting love. *Hebrews 7:24-25*.
 - c. The more that circumstances press against you, the more fully He upholds you. *Isaiah 41:10*.
 - d. His intercession for you means there is not enough power in the world to take you captive if you are in fellowship with the Father. *1st Timothy 2:5*.
 - e. He loves you and longs for your love in return. *John 17:22-23*.

Conclusion: Living for Christ is the most exciting life possible. Knowing what God thinks about us, and knowing the fabulous provisions He has made available to us is simply amazing. Why continue to live in spiritual ignorance? A victorious life is available to every Christian who dares to believe what God says about him.