

WHO AM I?
Part III
2nd Corinthians 3:4-6

Introduction: Commencing to become cognizant of who you really are through God's perspective is a pleasant adventure indeed. No other religion or philosophy can offer or produce this inner exponential satisfaction. Prior to knowing Christ, we had a vacuous sense of ourselves, and that is why God's opinion of us through Christ is very scintillating and satisfying. The new birth exculpates us from guilt. Because of this transformation, we must change our mindset as to how we see ourselves and begin to live with confidence in the victorious life that is promised to us by the Master.

I. Who am I?

- A. We need to take stock in who we are in the Father's mind. *Romans 8:14-16*. This is what the Father says about us.
1. We are a part of the body of Christ. *Ephesians 4:15-16*.
 2. We are adopted into the Father's family. *Ephesians 1:4-5*.
 3. We are new creation people (Jesus people).
 4. We are no longer a child of the devil; rather, we are now a child of God.
 5. We have been translated into His kingdom. *Colossians 1:13*. The Amplified says that "[the Father] has delivered and drawn us to Himself out of the control and the dominion of darkness and has transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love." Webster's Dictionary says, "to change from one place, position, or condition to another." A kind of osmosis. We are a brand new type of being, and we have been fashioned into a new class of persons.
 6. We are a supernatural people. *1st Peter 2:5*.
 7. We have the mind of God and His ability. *Philippians 2:5*. We are not mere persons; we have been branded by God.
- B. We are the righteousness of God in Christ.
1. There is no force that can succeed in conquering us. *Romans 8:30-39*.
 2. When we activate God's view of who we are, we wear "Satan-proofed" vests. *Isaiah 54:17*.
 3. Our combat is not carnal, but spiritual, against spiritual forces that are arrayed against us. *Ephesians 6:10-18*.
 4. We are to take our place as ambassadors who represent the Master. When we send out ambassadors to the countries of the world, our government stands behind them. When we go out for Christ, all of Heaven stands behind us. *John 14:12* tells us that we are to do the same works that He did. Then in *verses 13 and 14*, He gives us the legal right to use His Name to accomplish this command. *Mark 16:15*.
 - a. When an ambassador of the USA goes to a country, he is not acting in his own stead but as a representative of our country.
 - b. When you live as an ambassador of Christ, you are not acting on your own initiative. You are no longer a mere person, but you have the backing of the supreme court of Heaven and the universe. We have the backing of God – God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, plus all of His angels.
- C. Paul's humiliating confession. *1st Corinthians 3:1-3*.
1. Paul here laments the people's spiritual condition. Like little children, they do not grasp their unity with deity.
 2. People are content to listen to the voices of men and tapes and to read books about the Bible, but they seem far less impressed at what the Bible says itself. The Bible is the voice of the one who raised Jesus from the dead (the sword of the Spirit). This means that they were walking as mere men instead of mature sons of God. It is the difference of being masters instead of slaves. Paul goes on further to tell us who we are in *1st Corinthians 3:9*.

Conclusion: It is so exciting to know that life can be full of expectancy. When Vep Ellis was with Oral Roberts writing songs to go with Brother Roberts' sermons, he wrote, "Something good is going to happen to you, this very hour, this very day, something good is going to happen to you. Jesus of Nazareth is passing this way." Get ready!!!