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“WHO YOU SAY I AM”

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"Who you say I am" refers to the famous song from Hillsong, which tells the truth about our identity as Christians. We can identify ourselves according to our biological information and the careers we have built, but in our spiritual life, we cannot confidently proclaim who we are. In relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, we become a child of God, our true identity and purpose in the world.

1. **I am welcomed in the house of God, His Kingdom.** “You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit” (Jn. 15:16). God invited us because He loved us. He welcomed us as His children, but He can also deny us if we reject His invitation (Lk. 14).
2. **I am a child of God.** I am welcomed in the house of God, His Kingdom. “You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit” (Jn. 15:16). God invited us because He loved us. He welcomed us as His child, but He can also deny us if we reject His invitation (Lk. 14).
3. **I have a home in Heaven.** We are pilgrims on earth, and the final destination is with God. He is eternal (Mt. 24:35), and currently, we are in a life that will pass away. In God, we become His citizens and saints (Eph. 2:19).
4. **I have a Father.** It is God’s plan to have us as His sons and daughters.
 - 1.4.1. “He predestined us to adoption as sons and daughters through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will” (Eph. 1:5).
 - 1.4.2. “Because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” (Gal. 4:6).

5. **I am made in the image and likeness of God.** We may have different physical features, but our relationship to God reflects our characters. How we talk, live, and touch other people’s lives reflect God in us. We have to assess if our life resembles the life of Jesus Christ.
6. **I am loved by God.** “I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore, I have drawn you out of kindness” (Jer. 31:3).
7. **I have a Father who never changes.** God’s love for me never changes because He does not change (Mal. 3:6), just as Jesus Christ, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Heb. 13:8). He is still the God who pursues us.
8. **I have a Father who owns everything.** Our Father knows our needs (Mat. 6), and He will supply all our needs (Phi. 4:19).
9. **I have a Father who knows me and cares for me.** He is omnipotent and called me by my name (Isa. 43:1). “Cast all your cares upon Him, for He cares for you” (1 Pet. 5:7).
10. **I have a Father who keeps His promise.** God will keep His promises (Jer. 1:12), and His words will not return empty (Jer. 55:9-11)

Conclusion

Our Christian life is identified with our relationship with our Father in Heaven. We are blessed with great things, and we receive a promise, our kinship with our Lord Jesus Christ, who prepares a room for us in Heaven.

Reflection:

1. What are your favorite Bible verses which speak about your relationship with God as a Father?
2. What are your best memories of difficult situations that Our Father saved you from?
3. How do you spend your time with God?

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