

Who Am I



You're someone who enjoys deep, in-depth discussions, especially about faith, leadership, and personal growth. You have a strong interest in biblical preaching and sermon series, often focusing on Old Testament narratives and spiritual disciplines. You're also involved in planning conferences and leadership events with a clear vision for church growth and engagement. You like specific references, avoid repetition, and prefer a direct, no-nonsense approach to emotional health and honest living. You also enjoy historical and religious trivia games.







**After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. <sup>2</sup> There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus. He had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome.**

**Paul visited with them. <sup>3</sup> Because they practiced the same trade, he stayed and worked with them. They all worked with leather. <sup>4</sup> Every Sabbath he interacted with people in the synagogue, trying to convince both Jews and Greeks. <sup>5</sup> Once Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself fully to the word, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ.**

**Acts 18:1-5 (CEB)**



<sup>24</sup> Meanwhile, a certain **Jew named Apollos** arrived in **Ephesus**. He was a **native of Alexandria** and was **well-educated** and **effective** in his use of the scriptures. <sup>25</sup> He had been **instructed** in the **way of the Lord** and spoke as one stirred up by the Spirit. He **taught accurately** the things about Jesus, even though he was aware **only of the baptism John** proclaimed and practiced. <sup>26</sup> He began **speaking with confidence** in the synagogue. When **Priscilla and Aquila** heard him, they **received him** into their **circle of friends** and **explained** to him **God's way more accurately**.

**Acts 18:24–26 (CEB)**



<sup>1</sup> Paul, **AN APOSTLE** of **CHRIST JESUS** by the **WILL OF GOD**, To the **SAINTS** who are in **EPHESUS**, and are faithful in Christ Jesus: <sup>2</sup> **GRACE** to you and **PEACE** from **GOD OUR FATHER** and the **LORD JESUS CHRIST**.

**Ephesians 1:1–2 (ESV)**



YOU ARE NOT YOUR PAST,  
YOU ARE NOT YOUR DEMOGRAPHIC,  
YOU ARE NOT YOUR CREDENTIALS



1. Paul - You Are Not Your Past.



<sup>15</sup> Then I said, '**Who are you, Lord?**' The Lord replied, 'I am Jesus, whom you are harassing. <sup>16</sup> Get up! Stand on your feet! I have appeared to you **for this purpose: to appoint you** as my **servant** and **witness** of what you have seen and what I will show you. <sup>17</sup> I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you <sup>18</sup> to open their eyes. Then they can **turn from darkness to light** and from the **power of Satan to God**, and **receive forgiveness of sins** and a **place** among those who are **made holy by faith in me.**'

**Acts 26:15–18** (CEB)



“I am not what I ought to be, I am not what I want to be, I am not what I hope to be in another world; but still, I am not what I once used to be, and by the grace of God I am what I am.” - John Newton



## 2. Priscilla and Aquilla - You Are Not Your Demographic



You are **ALL GOD'S CHILDREN** through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>27</sup> All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither slave nor free; nor is there male and female, for you are **all one in Christ Jesus**.

**Galatians 3:26–28 (CEB)**



“Who am I? They mock me, these  
lonely questions of mine. Whoever  
I am, Thou knowest, O God, I am  
Thine.” - Dietrich Bonhoeffer



# 3. Apollos - You Are Not Your Credentials



<sup>4</sup> though I have good reason to have this kind of confidence. If anyone else has reason to put their confidence in physical advantages, I have even more: <sup>5</sup> I was circumcised on the eighth day. I am from the people of Israel and the tribe of Benjamin. I am a Hebrew of the Hebrews. With respect to observing the Law, I'm a Pharisee. <sup>6</sup> With respect to devotion to the faith, I harassed the church. With respect to righteousness under the Law, I'm blameless. <sup>7</sup> These things were my assets, but I wrote them off as a loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> But even beyond that, I consider everything a loss in comparison with the superior value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. I have lost everything for him, but what I lost I think of as sewer trash, so that I might gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him. In Christ I have a righteousness that is not my own and that does not come from the Law but rather from the faithfulness of Christ. It is the righteousness of God that is based on faith.

**Philippians 3:4–9 (CEB)**



“Who am I? Who are you? We are  
this for whom Jesus Christ became  
man, was crucified, and rose  
again.” -Karl Barth



# 33 Declarations About Who You Are in Ephesians

- Saints • Chosen • Holy • Blameless • Adopted • Beloved • Forgiven
- Redeemed • Heirs • Sealed by the HS • Full of Wisdom and Revelation
- Enlightened • Seated in Heavenly Places • Alive
- His Workmanship purposefully created for good works • Unified • A New Humanity
- Reconciled • Fellow Citizens • Members of the Household of God
- The Holy Temple of the Lord • The Dwelling place of God
- Where Christ Dwells in Your Hearts • Rooted and Grounded in Love • Gifted
- Mature • Steady • Secure • Children of the Light • Members of His Body
- Bond Servant of Christ • Warriors clad in His Armor
- All of this is by God's phenomenal, relentless, passionate grace NOT of our works.
- WHO AM I ... I AM HIS !