

One of the Most Important, Life-Shaping,
Life-Determinative Questions:

Who Am I?

It is the Question of **IDENTITY**

Identity and/or one's perceived social status
is shaped by the following:

1 Ascribed Identity

Sometimes our IDENTITY is influenced by **involuntary** forces;
unchosen forces outside your control.

- Your gender - male or female
- Your race, ethnicity and/or nationality
- Your family of origin
- Your neighborhood
- Your peer group

2 Achieved Identity

Sometimes our IDENTITY is influenced by what we **earn** or **achieve**;
successes and **failures** (both good and bad):

- scholastic - ("You're smart" or "You're dumb")
- athletic - ("You're strong/competent" or "You're weak/incompetent")
- vocational ("You're rich/successful" or "You're poor/lazy")

3 Master Status

This refers to that which is the **MOST IMPORTANT** identifier of your IDENTITY. This is the aspect of your identity that **supersedes** all other identities.

- This is what you would "call yourself" first and foremost.
- This influences how you think, act and behave in almost every situation.

WHO I AM WHEN I FOLLOW JESUS

I am God's child. John 1:12

As a disciple, I am a friend of Jesus Christ. John 15:15

I have been made right before God. Romans 5:1

I am together with the Lord, and I am one with Him in spirit. 1 Corinthians 6:17

I have been bought with a price and I belong to God. 1 Corinthians 6:19–20

I am a member of Christ's body. 1 Corinthians 12:27

I have been chosen by God and adopted as His child. Ephesians 1:3–8

I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins. Colossians 1:13–14

I am complete in Jesus. Colossians 2:9–10

I have direct access to the throne of grace through Jesus Christ. Hebrews 4:14–16

I am free from condemnation. Romans 8:1–2

I am assured that God works for my good in all circumstances. Romans 8:28

I cannot be separated from the love of God. Romans 8:31–39

I have been established and anointed by God. 2 Corinthians 1:21–22

I am hidden with Christ in God. Colossians 3:1–4

I am confident that God will complete the good work He started in me. Philippians 1:6

I am a citizen of heaven. Philippians 3:20

I have not been given a spirit of fear but of power, love, and a sound mind. 2 Timothy 1:7

I am born of God and the evil one cannot touch me. 1 John 5:18

I am a branch of Jesus Christ, the true vine, and a channel of His life. John 15:5

I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit. John 15:16

I am God's temple. 1 Corinthians 3:16

I am a minister for God. 2 Corinthians 5:17–21

I am seated with Jesus Christ in the heavenly realm. Ephesians 2:6

I am God's workmanship. Ephesians 2:10

I may approach God with freedom and confidence. Ephesians 3:12

I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13