

Who does God say I am?

In the beginning

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." (Genesis 1:1)

"So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." (Genesis 1:27)

"God saw all that he had made, and it was very good." (Genesis 1:31a)

In Christ Jesus

"Through him ["the Word", Jesus] all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind." (John 1:3-4)

"Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God - children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God." (John 1:12-13)

"You are the salt of the earth."
(Matthew 5:13a)

"You are the light of the world."
(Matthew 5:14a)

"You are worth more than many sparrows."
(Matthew 10:31b)

"You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you."
(John 15:3)

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."
(John 15:5)

"You are my friends if you do what I command... This is my command: Love each other."
(John 15:14, 17)



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In practice

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.” (Romans 8:1-2)

“Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in your midst?” (1 Corinthians 3:16)

“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.” (1 Corinthians 12:27)

“So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith” (Galatians 3:26)

“Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.” (Ephesians 2:19-22)

“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?... No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.” (Romans 8:35, 37)

“In the very place where it was said to them, ‘You are not my people,’ there they will be called ‘children of the living God.’” (Romans 9:26, quoting Hosea 1:10)

“Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.” (2 Corinthians 1:21-22)

“All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation” (2 Corinthians 5:18)

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” (Ephesians 2:10)

“So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.” (Galatians 4:7)

“And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge - that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.” (Ephesians 3:17b-19)

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