

Some Things We Are

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I remember my mother sending me off to school with the words, “Remember who you are.” This brief study makes us aware of some things we are as Christians.

1) **We Are Debtors.** A debtor is one who owes another. The eighth chapter of Romans contrasts the spirit with the flesh. In verse twelve Paul penned this conclusion: “Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.” We owe our lives to God and are duty-bound to live after the Spirit.

2) **We Are the Children of God.** “The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God” (Rom. 8:16). What a great privilege to have God as our spiritual Father! This takes place by faith, being baptized into Christ (Gal. 3:26-27).

3) **We Are More Than Conquerors.** A conqueror is one who successfully overcomes. Paul mentioned such things as tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril and sword and said, “Nay, in all these

things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us” (Rom. 8:37). Through Christ, we gain a surpassing victory!

4) **We Are the Lord’s.** Romans 14:8 records, “For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord’s.” Our end and aim is not self, but the Lord. Having been purchased with His blood (Acts 20:28), we belong to the Lord, devoted to Him and depending on Him.

5) **We Are Labourers.** In first Corinthians three, Paul spoke of one planting and another watering and God giving the increase. He then said, “For we are labourers together with God...” (v. 9). We are companions in work, furthering the cause of Christ.

6) **We Are God’s Workmanship.** Paul wrote the Ephesians, “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them” (Eph. 2:10). God’s craftsmanship or handiwork is

seen in what He made the Ephesians. They were dead, now alive; were lost, now saved; were aliens and strangers, now fellow-citizens; were afar off, now nigh! This superb work was performed in Christ Jesus!

7) **We Are Members.** We are members of Christ’s body. In Paul’s essay on the church it is reported, “For we are members of his body...” (Eph. 5:30). Thus, we are cherished by the Lord. As well, “...we are members one of another” (Eph. 4:25). Thus, we need each other as much as the eye has need of the hand and the head the feet!

8) **We Are Sanctified.** Concerning the second will (that is, the will of Christ), Hebrews 10:10 declares, “By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.” To be sanctified is to be separated from profane things and dedicated to God. We are “...sanctified in Christ Jesus...” (1 Cor. 1:2).

May we always remember who we are as the Lord’s people.

Some Things We Are Not

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The word of God points out some things we are not. We notice some examples.

1) **We Are Not Under the Law.** Paul wrote, "...we are not under the law..." (Rom. 6:15). He told the Galatians, "...the law was our schoolmaster..." and "...we are no longer under a schoolmaster" (Gal. 3:24-25). In an allegory, he used the bondwoman, Hagar, to represent the old law and made this application: "So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman..." (Gal. 4:31). This does not mean that we are without law today. We are "...under the law to Christ..." (1 Cor. 9:21) and "...fulfil the law of Christ" (Gal. 6:1). We just are not bound to keep the statutes of the law of Moses.

2) **We Are Not Ignorant of Satan's Devices.**

2 Corinthians 2:11 teaches, "Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices." He is a murderer and a liar (Jn. 8:44), a deceiver (Rev. 20:10), and a hinderer (1 Th. 2:18). He has three avenues at his disposal: "...the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life..." (1 Jn. 2:16). "...as a roaring lion,..." he "...walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Pet. 5:8).

3) **We Are Not Word Corrupters.** Not everyone who handles the word of God acts honestly with the truth. There are those who "pervert" the gospel (Gal. 1:6-9) and "wrest" the scriptures (2 Pet. 3:16). Paul informed the Corinthians, "For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ" (2 Cor. 2:17).

4) **We Are Not Reprobates.** A reprobate is one who does not stand the test, is not approved. It is written, "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates? But I trust that ye shall know that we are not reprobates" (2 Cor. 13:6).

5) **We Are Not of the Night.** 1 Thessalonians 5:5 says, "Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness."

6) **We Are Not of Them Who Draw Back.** The Hebrew writer penned, "But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul" (Heb. 10:39).

Some good truths from these spiritual "we are not's."

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