

## WORDS THAT DESCRIBE ME NOW

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In time past, I “...walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others” (Eph. 2:2-3).

I’m not who I was. My life has taken a different direction; that I “...no longer should live the rest of time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God” (1 Pet. 4:2).

I’d like to share with you some words that describe me now:

1) **ALIVE.** I was “...dead in trespasses and sins” (Eph. 2:1, 5), but have been “quickenened...” (Eph. 2:1, 5; Col. 2:13). Now, I’m “...dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Rom. 6:11).

2) **LOVED.** I was “...by nature the children of wrath...” (Eph. 2:3). Now, I’m the object of “...his great love...” (Eph. 2:4). John wrote, “And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our

sins in his own blood” (Rev. 1:5).

3) **SAVED.** I was among “...them that are lost” (2 Cor. 4:3). Now, “...saved” (Eph. 2:5, 8). Paul wrote, “...God our Savior; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth” (1 Tim. 2:3-4).

4) **IN.** I was out — “...without Christ...and without God in the world” (Eph. 2:12). Now, I’m in — “...in Christ...” (Eph. 2:10, 13). God’s blessings have always been in: in the ark (Gen. 6-7), in the house (Ex. 12:22), in the city (Num. 35:25, 28), in the ship (Acts 27:31), and now in Christ (Eph. 1:3)!

5) **RECONCILED.** I was “...far off...” (Eph. 2:13). I’ve been “...made nigh by the blood of Christ” (Eph. 2:13). “And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby” (Eph. 2:16). Romans 5:10 says, “For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved from wrath through him.”

6) **CITIZEN.** I was a stranger and a foreigner (Eph. 2:19). I’ve been “...translated into the kingdom of his [God’s] dear

Son” (Col. 1:13). Now, “...fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God” (Eph. 2:19).

7) **BLESSED.** Paul penned, “...Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin” (Rom. 4:7-8). Galatians 3:8-9 teaches, “And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.” Thus, I’m “...blessed...with all spiritual blessings...” (Eph. 1:3).

8) **REDEEMED.** Peter wrote, “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ...” (1 Pet. 1:18-19). As one who has been redeemed, I’ve been “...purchased...” (Acts 20:28) or “...bought...” (1 Cor. 6:20).

9) **NEW.** The Holy Spirit revealed, “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away;

behold, all things are become new" (2 Cor. 5:17). The Galatians were taught, "For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature" (Gal. 6:15). Ephesians 4:24 records, "And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."

10) **FREE.** Jesus said, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (Jn. 8:32). He further stated, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (Jn. 8:36). The Romans were reminded, "But God by thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart

that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" (Rom. 6:17-18).

11) **FORGIVEN.** What a blessing to be forgiven! "And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses" (Col. 2:13). Paul, "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace" (Eph. 1:7).

12) **WASHED, SANCTIFIED, JUSTIFIED.** 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 records, "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the

kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God" (1 Cor. 6:9-11).

I'm a believer. I'm a Christian. I'm a disciple. I'm a saint. What made the difference? God's grace. My faith. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God" (Eph. 2:8).

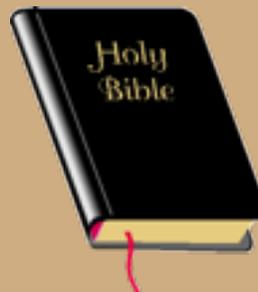
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