

Trusting God With Who He Says I Am

Warm-Up Question:

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I. I AM SAINT and II. I AM FAITHFUL (v. 2)

- ▶ How does it make you feel to be called a “saint” (holy one)? Do you believe it?
- ▶ How does your “faithfulness” affect your being set apart by God as a “saint”?

III. I AM IN CHRIST (v. 2)

- ▶ If you are united to Christ, name some things Christ has that you also have now “in Him.” Eph. 1:3 & Jn 17:21-23 are worth reading slowly to ponder this question.

IV. I AM QUALIFIED (v. 12)

- ▶ The word here means “enough, able, competent.” In what ways have you felt disqualified as a Christian?
- ▶ What has Christ qualified you for (v. 12)? How are you made qualified for it (refer to other “I AM’s”)?

V. I AM DELIVERED & VI. TRANSFERRED (v.13)

- ▶ What are you “delivered” from and “transferred” to? How did that happen and what is the result?

VII. I AM REDEEMED & VIII. FORGIVEN (v. 14)

- ▶ If the ransom price for your life was the blood of the Son of God, what does this say about the seriousness of your sin?
- ▶ Read Psalm 32:1-2 & 103:10-12. To what extent are your sins forgiven?

WHAT IS YOUR PRIMARY IDENTITY AND HOW SHOULD THAT CHANGE HOW YOU LIVE THIS WEEK?

The Bible says that our real problem is that every one of us is building our identity on something besides Jesus.

— Tim Keller

My identity does not begin when I begin to understand myself. There is something previous to what I think about myself, and it is what God thinks of me.

— Eugene Peterson

Beholding Jesus on the Cross: The King & His Kingdom

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