

Bible Studies

Who am I?

Who am I? is a question everyone has to ask. It takes on a whole new perspective when it is answered in the light of the scriptures.

Am I an accident? Am I the result of chance? Am I unimportant? Am I a sinner? The Bible has something to say on all these issues.

The goal of this study is not self examination, necessary though that be. In John, Jesus described himself with a series of 'I am' statements, He used them to describe Himself and His mission. What about us? What 'I am' statement should we use?



I am a sheep John 10:27

I am not sure that this is a very complimentary assessment of us.

What are sheep good at?

What are sheep bad at?

When Jesus calls us sheep what point is He trying to make?

If we are sheep, who is Jesus?

What does it take to fill this role well?

What should sheep avoid?

What are the rewards of being a sheep?

What are the dangers in avoiding the role?

Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his ; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Psalm 100:3 Sheep need a shepherd.



I am a Child John 1:12

Read Matthew 18v2-5

What place do children occupy in society?

In what way does Jesus want us to be like children?

In what ways does He not want us to be like children?

1 Corinthians 14:20, Matthew 10:16, Hebrews 5:12. 1 Corinthians 13:11

I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." Mark 10:15
My heart is not proud, O LORD, my eyes are not haughty; I do not concern myself with great matters or things too wonderful for me. But I have stilled and quieted my soul; like a weaned child with its mother, like a weaned child is my soul within me. Psalm 131:1-2

If we are children who is God?

If we are God's children how will we behave?

What are the dangers for those who reject this role?



I am a servant John 12:26, Romans 1v1

Almost all of the NT writers describe themselves as servants, It is a widely used term in the Bible.

How did Jesus describe himself? Matthew 20:28, Philippians 2:7

What position does a servant take?

What does it mean to be a servant?

If I am a servant, who is God?

Who am I to serve?

What do I achieve by being a servant? Matthew 23:11

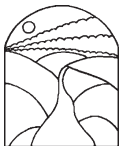
So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'" Luke 17:10

What does this mean?

Read John 13:14-17

Live as free men, ... live as servants of God. 1 Peter 2v16

In what way are you a servant?



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I am a Friend Luke 5:20

Read John 15:14-15

What is the difference between being a friend & being a servant?

Does this verse mean we do not have to serve God?

If we are friends, who is Jesus?

You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. James 4:4

What obligations do friends have?

What point does Jesus want to make by calling us friends?



I am a Son or daughter. 1 John 5:2

You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, Galatians 3:26

"I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." 2 Corinthians 6:18

What is the difference between being a child and a son/daughter?

I think the point of this is to emphasize our relationship with God, we are part of his family.

What does it mean to be a son/daughter?

Where does discipline come into this? Hebrews 12:5-11

What expectations are there on sons & daughters?



I am an Heir Galatians 4:7

Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. Rom 8:17

Two phrases that occur in scripture are heirs of the promises and heirs of righteousness. **What do you think they mean?**

What does it mean to be an heir of God?

What part of this is current and what part future?

Having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. Titus 3:7

The parable of the prodigal son talks about two heirs.

How did they use their inheritance?

"My son," the father said, "you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. Luke 15:31

Esau is also a warning to us of how not to be an heir. **What did he do?**



I am a Disciple Matthew 28:19

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. John 8:31

What is a disciple?

What do disciples do?

What attitudes do they show?

If we are disciples, who is Jesus?

What is the difference between a Christian and a Disciple?

What happens if we do not get to grips with being a disciple?



I am a Soldier 1 Corinthians 9:7

Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs—he wants to please his commanding officer. 2 Tim 2:3-4

What makes you a good soldier?

What are the traits of a bad soldier?

If I am a soldier who is Christ?

If I am a soldier who or what am I fighting?

What is the difference between being a sheep & being a soldier?



What other things are used in the New Testament to describe who we are?