

WHO  
DOES  
GOD  
SAY  
I AM?

DISCOVERING  
YOUR IDENTITY  
IN CHRIST

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## **Who Does God Say I Am? Paperback**

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## **INTRODUCTION: I AM... LOVED**

First and foremost, when asking the question of who does God say that I am, we need to be clear on the identity of the god to which I am referring. I am referring to the one true living God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as well as His only begotten Son, Christ Jesus.

When we look at history begin to unfold in the book of Genesis, we read that God is an eternal being with no beginning and no end. God created everything in the universe, beginning with light. Lastly, God created man, male and female, to tend the garden of Eden upon the earth, to be fruitful and multiply, and to be in direct fellowship with God. God gave man only one rule to follow in the garden, which was to not eat of the fruit from the tree of the

knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 2:17.) We all know the story: Adam and Eve disobeyed God and ate from that very tree of which they were warned by God not to do so. In the moment of that first disobedience to God, called sin, man died spiritually and was separated from direct fellowship with God. A holy God cannot dwell with sin! (See Psalm 5:4)

But thankfully, from the very beginning, God had a plan to reconcile His beloved, yet sinful, creation back to Himself.

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*John 3:16 - [Jesus speaking] "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*

Christ Jesus was God enrobed in flesh in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. He left His heavenly throne to come to this earth to live the perfect life as man and to be that final and perfect sacrifice required for the forgiveness of mankind's sins. A sinless and perfect Christ Jesus died the horrific death on the cross that all of sinful mankind deserved. Three days later, He rose from the dead. He currently reigns in heaven, seated at the right hand of the Father. Christ Jesus' sacrifice



on the cross has saved mankind from the bondages of sin with its resultant second death in eternal torment separated from our Creator. As Romans 6:23 states, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

But here's the "catch," we must **choose** to accept the light of salvation offered through the sacrifice of Christ Jesus on the cross in order to be saved and have eternal life with the Lord after our physical death upon the earth. This is called salvation by the grace of God through faith in His only begotten Son, Christ Jesus.

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*John 14:6 - "Jesus saith unto him,  
"I am the way, the truth, and the  
life: no man cometh unto the  
Father, but by Me."*

That says it very clearly. Salvation, including reconciliation back to fellowship with God and eternal life with Him as God originally intended when He created mankind is **only** available through faith in His only begotten Son, Christ Jesus.

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*John 15:13 - [Jesus speaking]  
"Greater love hath no man than*

*this, that a man lay down his life  
for his friends."*

Think about this: God left His throne in heaven to come to this earth and enrobe Himself in flesh in the person of Jesus of Nazareth, only to knowingly and intentionally die a horrific death through crucifixion so that the sins of mankind could be forgiven! Romans 5:8 reminds us, "But God commendeth His love for us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Once we accept Christ Jesus as our Lord and Savior, our sins are forgiven, and we can now have restored fellowship with God! How amazing is that?!?

God became a man of flesh and gave His life so that sinful mankind could be forgiven, saved and have restored fellowship with the Father. It does not matter what you have done in your past, Christ Jesus died for **you** because He loves **you** that much as His creation! And if you were the only person on this planet, Christ Jesus would still have gone to the cross for **you** alone! This means that regardless of who you are or what you have done, every person on the planet can truthfully and confidently say: "I am... loved!"

As you read this book, I would ask that you keep in mind that this is **not** a book about positive

affirmations of qualities that we can “wish” upon ourselves. Once we come to Christ Jesus and are saved, meaning filled with the Holy Spirit of the living God, the bible has so much more to say about who we are! In this book, we will take a scriptural look at what God has to say about His beloved creation when we choose the light of salvation through faith in Christ Jesus! It is about knowing who we are in Christ.

As we reflect, we need to remember that because God is eternal, He can see the end from the beginning. God's word states in Philippians 1:6 that, “Being confident in this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.” Once we make Christ Jesus our Lord, it implies that we will be obedient to Him, His teachings, and the promptings of the Holy Spirit who now dwells within us. Our spiritual development becomes a joint venture with God at the wheel. His word promises to complete the good work in us which He started! God sees and knows who we **are** in Him from the very beginning.

Early in my walk with the Lord, I had a terrible habit of self-deprecating thoughts of which I was very unaware. One day, the Lord spoke to my spirit and said, “Cathy, are you telling me that I made a mistake in calling you? Are you

saying I am wrong?" Ouch! I never thought of it that way! I not only had to repent, but I had to learn what it is that God says about me, and align my thoughts with His thoughts in order to be effective for God's kingdom purposes in my life.

I soon learned that I was actually agreeing with what the enemy, Satan, had to say about me. Remember, even if Satan is unable to get you to walk away from your faith in Christ Jesus, his secondary plan of attack is always to render you ineffective for God's kingdom purposes. It is almost impossible to be a warrior for Christ when you are plagued with thoughts such as, "I'm not this, I can't that, but I've done this."

Therefore, it is my hope and prayer that each reader come to truly know what it is that God has to say about those of you who have accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord and Savior. Trust me when I say that there is nothing better on this earth than being in God's will for your life!

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We can begin this journey by saying with confidence out loud:

***"I am... loved!"***