Being Who We Are 2 Cor 5:16-21 (NIV) April 4, 2018 Pastor Victor J. Coleman

We must understand who we are because of Christ. We must understand who we are in Christ Jesus. Many live their Christian journey not knowing all the benefits of being saved. If we read 2 Cor 5:16-21 (NIV) correctly, we will discover that the new birth offers us a new life. We understand that we are newly born and that we are the righteousness of God. We aren't to look at each other any longer from a worldly point of view.

I am no longer a slave to sin. - (Romans 6:6 (NET, Holman Christian Standard Bible)) Let's see who we are. "I am who the Word say I am", "I am what the Word say I am".

- 1. I am a child of God. John 1:12 (NET)
- 2. I am a branch of the true vine John 15:1,5 (KJV)
- 3. I am a friend of Jesus John 15:15 (NIV)
- 4. I am a saint 1 Corinthians 1:2 (NIV)

Ephesians 1:1 – ESV - Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:1 – NASB - Paul and Timothy, bond-servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, including the overseers and deacons:

- 5. I am justified and redeemed Romans 3:24 (NIV)
- 6. I am free from the law of sin and death. Romans 8:2 (NIV)

NLT - And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death.

- 7. I am joined to the Lord and am one spirit with Him 1 Corinthians 6:17 (NET)
- 8. The hardening of my mind has been removed 2 Corinthians 3:14 (NET)
- 9. I am a conqueror Rom 8:36-37 (NIV), Phil 4:13 (NIV, NLT)
- 10. I am a fellow heir with Christ Romans 8:17 (NIV), Galatians 4:7 (NIV)
- 11.1 am accepted by Christ. Romans 15:7 (NET)
- 12.1 am blessed with every spiritual blessing Ephesians 1:3 (NIV)
- 13. I will not be condemned by God Romans 8:1 (KJV)