

Who am I?

I am a dearly loved child of God.

“Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”
(Eph. 5:1-2)

This means God loves me and that I belong to him. He is my Father.

My responsibility is to love all others.

I am chosen by God.

“For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will.” (Eph. 1:4-5 or Eph. 1:3-14)

This means he wants me! This means I am holy in his eyes.

My responsibility is to live blamelessly.

I am free from condemnation.

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you[a] free from the law of sin and death.” (Rom. 8:1-2)

This means God does not condemn me; our relationship is secure.

My responsibility is to live securely before God.

I am a new creation.

“So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!” (2 Cor. 5:16-17)

This means the old nature of sin is gone and the new nature of Christ lives in me.

My responsibility is to say no to my old tendencies.

I am a temple of the Holy Spirit.

“Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.”
(1 Cor. 6:19-20)

This means God himself lives inside of me.

My responsibility is to make the Spirit at home living in me.

I am Christ’s friend.

“I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.” (John 15:15)

This means I have a best friend; he tells me everything that the Father has told him.

My responsibility is to know my Master’s business.

I am Christ’s ambassador.

“We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.” (2 Cor. 5:20)

This means I have a role to play. I am representing Christ to everyone around me.
My responsibility is to urge others to be reconciled to God through Christ.