Who Are You?

Ephesians 2:

If I were to ask you this morning – Who are you? What would you say?

1. Most likely you would give me your name. But does that really tell me who you are?
* Our name is simply the title that we answer by.
* Many people have the name of Dan.

THERE ARE SEVERAL MEN IN THIS CHURCH BY THE NAME OF **JIM**. If I were to cry out the name Jim – several people would respond.

SO OUR NAME DOESN’T REALLY TELL US MUCH ABOUT US.

* Now if I add to that your last name – when then we may know a little more about you but it doesn’t really tell us who you are….

I asked google how many Dan Southerns there were in the United States – it pulled up the top 31 individuals by the same name on LinkIn

**(I JUST HOPE NONE OF THEM GET ME INTO TROUBLE)**

1. Maybe you would tell me that you are a carpenter, or a plumber, electrician, a student, nurse, a mother, a wife, a papaw but that doesn’t really tell me who you are…. That just tells me what you do.
2. WHO ARE YOU?

Many Christians gain their identity more from their family background, work or human relationships than they do from who they are in Christ.

Many young people gain their identity from the latest fashions, trends or popular expectations from their peers.

German philosopher Schleiermacher, (Shirley-er-Mac-er) who did much to shape the progress of modern thought, one day as an old man he was sitting alone on a bench in a city park. A policeman thinking that he was a vagrant came over and shook him and asked, "Who are you?" Schleiermacher replied sadly, "I wish I knew."

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHO YOU ARE!

Without Christ you are nobody! But in Christ you have come somebody>>

The Bible says clearly **1 Peter 2:10**

Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

[**Romans 9:25**](http://biblehub.com/romans/9-25.htm)As he says in Hosea: "I will call them 'my people' who are not my people;

**Ephesians 2:12** reads

That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

**Ephesians 5:8**

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light

[**Galatians 4:8**](http://biblehub.com/galatians/4-8.htm)Formerly, when you did not know God, you were slaves

[**Colossians 1:21**](http://biblehub.com/colossians/1-21.htm)Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior.

**LET ME TELL WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT WHO YOU ARE**:

[**Ephesians 2:19**](http://biblehub.com/ephesians/2-19.htm), you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household,

**1 Corinthians 6:9-11**

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Corinthians+6&version=NKJV" \l "fen-NKJV-28477a" \o "See footnote a)] nor sodomites, 10nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. 11And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

**2 Corinthians 5:17** says

Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

**I AM SOMEBODY NOW… BEFORE, I WAS A NOBODY.. I WAS A SINNER** (You and I had no claim to God whatsoever) we walked according to the course of this world, fulfilling the lust of the flesh and of the mind….

WE WERE CHILDREN OF DISOBEDIENCE

[**Ezekiel 36:26**](http://biblehub.com/ezekiel/36-26.htm)SAYS THAT GOD GIVE YOU A new heart and put a new spirit in you.

We have already seen in the past few months from this text how

1. Sin works against us (vs. 1-3)
2. God is working for us (vs. 4-9)
3. LAST WEEK WE TALKED ABOUT THE GOD WITHOUT MEASURE.

Now in these verses before us this morning, the Apostle Paul takes this one step further.

GOD IS WORKING IN US!

The greatest work that God does for mankind – is the work that He does in us.

There is no limit to what God can do in the heart of an individual fully surrendered to Him

Ephesians 3:20 says, Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us

THE NIV READS : Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,

l. Paul here calls it God’s WORKMANSHIP

The word “***workmanship***” means, “***that which is made, a work, a work of art***”. It comes from the word that gives us the word “***poem***”. It refers to a “***piece of literary workmanship.***”

In other words, it refers to his “***masterpiece***.”

Paul is saying that the redeemed saints of God are His masterpieces.

The saints are his greatest achievement.

The saints are the greatest work of the Master Potter.

The saints are the greatest letter ever written by the hand of the Master Author.

The working out of God’s grace and mercy in our lives is His divine craftsmanship.

* People may look around and see the beauty of world God has created and be amazed
* People may look to the heavens and see the wonder of a creative God.
* People may marvel over a divine healing or some supernatural miracle.

But there is something more marvelous than all of these.

IT IS THE WORK THAT GOD HAS WROUGH UPON THE HEARTS OF THE REDEEMED.

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YOU SEE, WHEN GOD SAVED YOU AND FORGAVE YOU OF YOUR SINS, THAT WASN’T THE END… THAT WAS THE BEGINNING

* There is so much more that God wants to do in our life.
* GOD IS NOT FINISHED WITH ANYONE OF US…

He is still working on me!

Phil. 2:13 says “for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for *His* good pleasure.

Phil> 1:6 says “Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

YOU ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP….

Psalm 19:1 may say “The heavens declare the glory of God”, but I HAVE IT ON GOOD AUTHORITY THAT IS ISN’T THE HEAVENS THAT GOD IS MOST INTERESTED IN.

NO. NO. NO, My friend!

The object of His love and attention is you and I.

The Psalmist David said, Psalm 139

You know my sitting down and my rising up;
You understand my thought afar off.
3You comprehend my path and my lying down,
And are acquainted with all my ways.
4For *there is* not a word on my tongue,
*But* behold, O Lord, You know it altogether.

*Such* knowledge *is* too wonderful for me;

For You formed my inward parts;
You covered me in my mother’s womb.
14I will praise You, for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made;[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalms+139&version=NKJV" \l "fen-NKJV-16254b" \o "See footnote b)]
Marvelous are Your works,
And *that* my soul knows very well.
15My frame was not hidden from You,
When I was made in secret,
*And* skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.
16Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed.
And in Your book they all were written,
The days fashioned for me,
When *as yet there were* none of them.

17How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God!
How great is the sum of them!
18*If* I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand;

THERE IS NOTHING THAT GOD DOESN’T KNOW ABOUT YOU, AND YET HE STILL LOVES YOU.

Why? Because you are God’s Workmanship!

YOU ARE GOD’S SPECIAL PROJECT!

He knows the number of hairs on your head.