

# 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

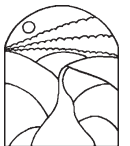
*So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'" Luke 17:10*

**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?**