

Who am I?

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Our Series

- **Who is God?**
- **Who am I?**



Reminder

- **“Self Image” is not the same as our Identity**
 - Our Identity is how God sees us
 - Our self image is how we see ourselves

Numbers 13:33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, who come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.



Who are you?

- I am <fill in your name>
- I am <fill in your nationality>
- I am a <fill in your job title>
- I am male/female
- I am a sinner



2 Possible Identities

- All of us are either
 - A child of wrath
 - A child of God

Ephesians 2:1-3 And you has he made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins: In which in time past you walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our behavior in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the children of God, even to them that believe on his name:

1 John 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called the children of God: therefore the world knows us not, because it knew him not.

The Difference

- **We are children of God by Faith!**

- Not works
- No other conditions

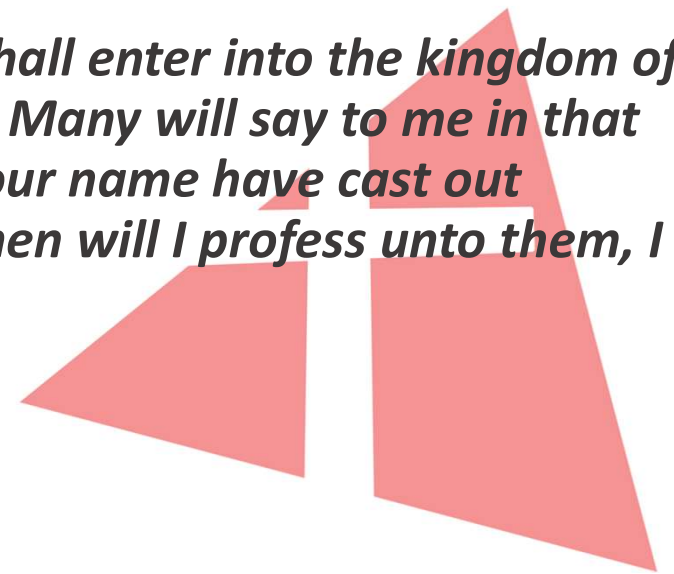
Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Galatians 2:16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

A Warning

- Many people **THINK** they are children of God, but they are not

Matthew 7:21-23 Not every one that says unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in your name? and in your name have cast out demons? and in your name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, you that work iniquity.



What can we do?

- Examine yourself in light of scripture
- Only the Holy Spirit can give us the assurance that we are God's children

2 Corinthians 13:5 Examine yourselves, whether you are in the faith; prove your own selves. Know you not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, unless you are counterfeits?

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 Know you not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

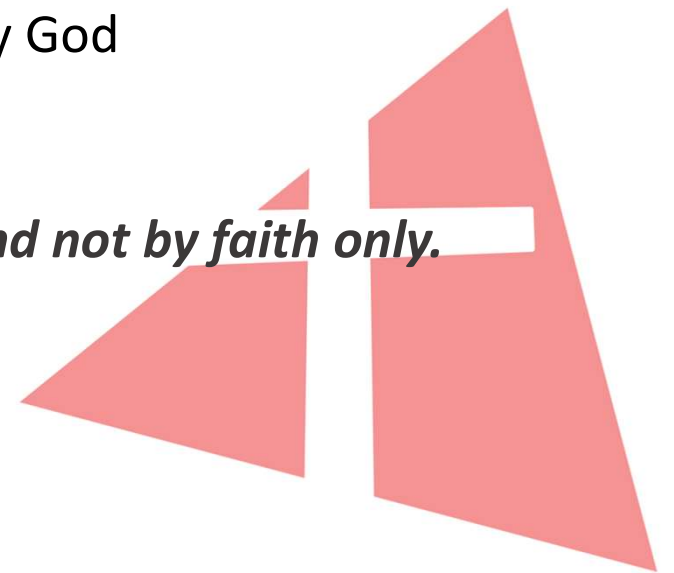
Romans 8:16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

Faith and Works

- **Works are evidence of Faith**

- We behave differently because we are ALREADY accepted by God
- We don't work in order to be accepted by God

James 2:24 You see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.



Consequences

- We can't earn anything from God

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

John 5:19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he sees the Father do: for whatsoever things he does, these also does the Son likewise.

Isaiah 64:6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

Consequences

- **God will never love us more or less than He does today**

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Romans 5:8 But God commends his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

John 15:13 Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.



Consequences

- **We can rest in the assurance of God's promises**



Consequences

- **Striving to receive blessings is a sign of unbelief**



Our Prayer Meeting

- God spoke to us about focusing on “being a child of God” more than “doing stuff”



In Conclusion

- **Everything starts with the assurance that we are God's children**
- **Only God can give us that assurance**
- **We will spend some time soaking to hear from God again who we are**

