

“Who Am I ... Really?”

I was shaving the other morning and as I looked at my face in the mirror a question popped into my head, “Who am I, really?”

Most people ask this question at some point in their lives. Some several times in their lives. The answer to this question actually leads to a lot of other questions. In other words, the answer to the question “Who Am I” leads me to questions such as “Where do I belong?” and “What is my purpose?”

It is really more than simply a question of my name. And because of that, it is a more complex question to answer. I want to get at the core, at my heart. The answer encompasses who my parents were, my ancestors were, where they came from, ethnic origin, and, ultimately, it goes all the way back to the founding of my faith. I am asking a question of *identity* and, for a Christian, that identity is found in only one place – Jesus Christ.

When I was baptized in 1965, the person I was, as new as I was, ceased to exist. According to Galatians 2:20, a new person was born, who is really a very old person – if “old” is a word that can be used to describe Him.

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

My *identity* is linked with Jesus Christ, who was crucified and rose again from the dead. Who I am is tied together with the crucified and risen Savior. My identity defines where I belong and establishes my purpose.

As a Christian man, I belong where Christ is. Not necessarily where He was, on a cross outside Jerusalem or in a tomb nearby, but where there is hurting and lost people. Where people are in need of salvation is where Christ is and where I belong.

And so do you!

It’s not a matter of simply taking on the label of “Christian” and sitting in a church once every four to six weeks – or even every week. Your identity in the crucified and risen Savior establishes that you belong where people need to hear about Christ.

The purpose of one identified with the crucified and risen Savior is one and the same as the crucified and risen Savior.

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost” (Luke 19:10).

My purpose as a Christian is to seek out the lost and bring them the Good News of Jesus Christ. And that's your purpose, too! The Holy Spirit has given you specific gifts – talents – and passions with which to do this. But we have all been given a common gift to share the Good News of our Risen Savior – a place to worship that is comfortable and beautiful. This Easter, I encourage you to invite someone you know to worship and hear the Good News of our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ.

Who am I, really? I am a disciple of Jesus Christ who shares the Good News of Jesus Christ with everyone I meet.

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