

Who Are You?

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Acts 19: 13-16 gives the account of seven men who took it upon themselves to imitate the ministers of God in casting out unclean spirits. They, and others, appear to have had the thought that the name of Jesus was a magic word that they only had to say and the spirits would have to obey them. When these seven sons of Sceva tried it they learned a painful lesson. They said, "We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth." Instead of leaving the possessed person, the spirit answered saying, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?" While the name of Jesus gets results for those who believe and have love for the Lord, it does nothing when used by the unbeliever. To answer the spirit's question, these seven brothers were unbelievers who only wished to have the use of the name of Jesus without having faith in him. Still, the question who are ye deserves some thought.

If a person is a believer in Jesus there are many scriptures that

tell who and what he, or she, is. In **Matt. 5:13** Jesus said, "Ye are the salt of the earth." As salt flavors and preserves, the faith and witness of the Christians has made a difference in this world. Even with all the problems that we see, how much worse would the world be if there were no Christian witnesses.

Jesus went on to say in the **14th verse**, "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid." As Jesus is the light of the world, the believers are to reflect the light and doctrine of the Lord wherever they go in this life. Our light, or witness, is to shine, not to be covered up and hidden from men. We should be proud of our faith and willing to share it with those we meet.

In **Matt. 2:8** the Lord said that we are brethren. From all walks of life, nations, races, and tongues, the Lord has brought us all together as a family. If we are saved then we are the family of God. When I sit in church and hear the singing and people praising the Lord I think that only the Lord could have gathered us together in such a fashion.

John 15:3, "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you." This is wonderful to know. Jesus tells us that we

are clean, forgiven for our sins. How? By believing in Jesus and obeying his commands. There is no other way, but that is fine because we need no other way - Jesus is all we need. We are clean because we are in him and he is in us.

"Ye are not your own," he tells us in **1 Corinthians 6:19**. The church is the bride of Christ and as part of the church we belong to the Lord and have responsibilities to him. When we marry in this life we are not free to do as we did before, but have a spouse to consider in everything. In **verse 20** the scripture says, "Ye are bought with a price." The Lord paid the price of our salvation with his own blood and the life he gave on the cross. Salvation didn't come cheap, or easy, it took heaven's best to secure it for us.

Scripture goes on to say in many places that ye are the children of God, ye are saved, ye are the temple of the living God, ye are the body of Christ, ye are witnesses, ye are friends of Jesus, and many other things. These describe who and what we are as believers in the Lord Jesus.

Who are ye? If you're a Christian you're a part of the family of God, loved by the Lord, and covered by the blood of Jesus.

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