

Dear Friend of [Abiding Above](#),

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I want you to think with me for just a moment and let me ask you four questions.

1. **Who do others say that you are?**
2. **Who do you say that you are?**
3. **Who does God say that you are?**
4. **Which one is the real you?**

You will immediately say, “The real me is who God says that I am.” That’s correct! Other people and your emotions may tell you one thing, but the absolute truth can only be found in God’s Holy Word.

Take a quick look with me. Here is the real you if you are born again! You are right now and forever:

A Child of God!

“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.” **John 1:12**

Crucified with Christ!

“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.” **Galatians 2:20**

A Friend of God!

“No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.” **John 15:15**

United with God!

“But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.” **1 Corinthians 6:17**

A Member of Christ's Body!

"Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually." **1 Corinthians 12:27**

A New Creation!

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." **2 Corinthians 5:17**

Complete In Him!

"For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power." **Colossians 2:9-10**

My friend, in a world that knows no truth, remember this is what God says about you. Believe it! Walk by faith in it! You will be transformed by the renewing of your mind because, *"As a man thinks in his heart so is he."*

Here are two quotes from inmates doing our Bible lessons with my father Curtis Hodges, one of our volunteer graders!

What is the most important thing you have learned in this lesson?

- *"Though imperfect in this world, I'm perfect in my position with the Lord!"* - William

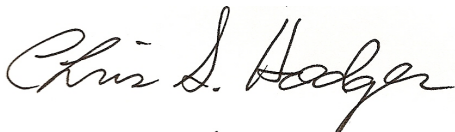
- *"If I sin, don't give up, repent right then, ask for forgiveness and keep moving ahead."* - Bryan

Praise the Lord! God continues to use us to share the gospel with every person, and to encourage spiritual growth in every believer, by the power of the Holy Spirit and to the glory of God.

Visit our website www.abidingabove.org where you can follow my daily tweets on Twitter. This link is at the bottom of the homepage. Also check out "Chris and Kellie's Blog" by clicking the link that is located at the top of our website homepage.

Please pray for me as I speak in the Atlanta area this weekend. And later, during the month of August I will bring a Men's Conference in Arkansas and preaching a patriotic sermon in Germantown, Maryland near Washington DC. Thank you for your prayers, notes, and encouraging E-mails!

Abiding above,



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Colossians 3:1-3