

# I AM

Sunday, July 17, 2022  
10:30 AM

So far through this series about who we are in Christ we have learned that...

I AM SAVED...

I AM REDEEMED...

I AM BORN AGAIN...

I AM a NEW CREATION...

I AM a TEMPLE of The HOLY SPIRIT...

I AM LOVED...

I AM FORGIVEN...

I AM a MIGHTY WARRIOR...

I AM a LISTENER OF GOD...

This morning we will see that Jesus gave us an example to follow, and that example shows us yet another characteristic of Who we are in Him.

**Key Text: John 13:1-17**

13 It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

2 The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. 3 Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; 4 so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. 5 After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

7 Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

8 "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

9 "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

10 Jesus answered, “Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.” 11 For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

12 When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. 13 “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. 14 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. 15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. 16 Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

Remember that we are who we are in Christ, only because of what Jesus has done for us. I am who I am because of what he has done for me

I AM saved...

I AM redeemed...

I AM born again...

I AM a new creation... because He died for my sins on the cross

I AM a temple of the Holy Spirit... because He has poured out the gift of the Holy Spirit who fills me with His presence

I AM Loved and I AM Forgiven... Because God's love is unconditional and His mercies never end

I AM a Mighty Warrior... because He calls me to fulfill His purposes and anoints me with His power to accomplish those purposes

I AM a Listener of God... because God speaks and wants me to hear His voice

I am a servant of the most High God... because Jesus has cleansed me and called me into His service

- Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.”
- “Do you understand what I have done for you?”
- Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet
- I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.
- Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

Jesus washing of the disciples’ feet was a picture of what he was about to do on the cross... Cleanse them of their sins

But it was also a call to be like Him, and become a servant of the Kingdom of God, ministering to others as He became a servant and ministered to us

**Matthew 20:25-28**

25 Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. 26 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— 28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Knowing what Christ has done for us, we follow his example and become a servant

**John 12:26**

26 Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

Consider these seven Characteristics of a Servant that The Lord wants to develop in our lives

**A Servant CARES about the needs of OTHERS**

\*Jesus cares about the needs in our life... spiritual, physical, emotional... He came to serve us and meet those needs

\*We too should care about the needs of others and find ways to meet those needs in Christian service

\*Think of a household servant (a butler, a maid, a nanny, a housekeeper, a cook, a Gardner, a maintenance man) - concepts we are not as familiar with today but nonetheless... A Good servant cares about the needs of the people of the household they serve

\*if that picture is too hard for you, then think of a worker doing their job... In fact, that is one of my pet peeves with those in positions of service today... They don't care about the people they are serving... They act like they are doing you a favor for taking your order and you are inconveniencing them by making them work.

\*I love these scriptures...

### **Philippians 2:3-4**

**3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.**

### **Romans 12:10**

**10 Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.**

## **A Servant is WILLING to do WHATEVER needs to be done**

- Washing feet was a dirty, but necessary Job in the ancient world. People travelled everywhere by foot, walking on dusty, dirty, dung covered roads, barefoot or feet only covered with open sandals. This was a job reserved for the lowest of servants or left to the traveler themselves as water, a basin and a towel may have been provided for them
- But Jesus took it upon himself to show us nothing should be beneath us.
- Sometimes serving is a dirty, thankless job
- A servant doesn't care what type of job needs done, just that it needs done and then they set out to do it
- Too many in the ministry think that it only consists of preaching or teaching, or singing etc...
- That's why Jesus said that even a cup of cold water given in His name would be recognized in the Kingdom of God

A Servant isn't CONCERNED about RECOGNITION, POSITION OR COMPENSATION

Matthew 6:20 (ESV)

20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

A Servant SERVES rather than BEING SERVED

28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve

A Servant REALIZES they are SERVING GOD not MEN

Colossians 3:23

23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,

Matthew 25:40

40 "The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

A Servant should be FILLED with LOVE, HUMILITY and JOY ( and the rest of The Fruit of The Holy Spirit)

Galatians 5:22-26

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

A Servant must PROVE themselves FAITHFUL

1 Corinthians 4:1-2

4 This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed. 2 Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.

## CONCLUSION

Romans 6:22

22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.

Luke 1:38

38 "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.