

Who Are You?

Scripture:

Acts 19:13-16
Colossians 1:12-13

Acts 19:13-16 (NKJV) Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches." 14 Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so. 15 And the evil spirit answered and said, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?" 16 Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

Colossians 1:12-13 (NKJV) giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

Introduction

It was an exciting thing to do. Find a demoniac, and command the him to come out in the name of Jesus. But Sceva's sons discovered their use of His name required more than just speaking the name. The demon said, "I know Jesus and I know Paul, but who are you?" The believer must have a valid answer to this question. Here are some thoughts on who you are in Jesus:

I. You are delivered from sin and Satan's bondage

Colossians 1:13a (NKJV) He has delivered us from the power of darkness

A. The means of our deliverance

Romans 3:23-26 (NKJV) for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, 26 to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

B. The extent of our freedom

John 8:36 (NKJV) "Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

C. The ongoing nature of our liberty

2 Timothy 4:18 (NKJV) And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen!

D. The command to stay free

Galatians 5:1 (NKJV) Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

II. You are given a new life, lifestyle and heritage

Colossians 1:13 (NKJV) giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.

A. Your old identity, lifestyle and nature have been terminated

1. Your old role model

John 8:44 (NKJV) "You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

2. Your old nature

Ephesians 2:2-3 (NKJV) in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

3. Your change in nature and lifestyle

Ephesians 2:1-3 (NKJV) And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,

B. You are a receiver of God's continuing love

Ephesians 2:4-5 (NKJV) But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

C. You have a new heritage as God's child

Ephesians 2:6-7 (NKJV) and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

III. You are authorized to act on behalf of your Father

Colossians 1:13b (NKJV) and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

A. You are a chosen child of God

John 15:16a (NKJV) "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain,

B. You have complete access to your Father's resources

John 15:16b (NKJV) that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

C. You now stand in the authority of your Father

Luke 10:19 (NKJV) "Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.