



What Defines You?

Titus 1:1-4

Listen! An NFL quarterback and a backwards baseball cap—his identity?

Question: Please finish this sentence for me: “The first thing that comes to mind when I think about “Who am I?” is: _____

Tension: I would “bet the farm” that many, many American Christians are far more defined by American culture than they are by being a rescued person.

Example: American culture vs. Biblical culture.

As rescued people we are defined by our relationship with God.

- Chosen by God:
- Saved by God:
- Destined by God:
- Family in God:

As rescued people we are commissioned to serve God and others.

- **Serving God:**
 - Bondservants of God:
 - Sent by God:
- **Serving Others:**
 - Serving “for the faith” of others:
 - Serving “for the knowledge of the truth” in others:
 - John 13:1-20:

Idea: In Christ we are defined as rescued people...and commissioned for service to God and service to others.

Paraphrase A: When Jesus rescues you it defines your entire life...and your life is completely defined as a servant of God bent on helping others.

Paraphrase B: As a Christian your life is for others.

So What?! What difference does this make?!?

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- Give some serious thought to your identity as a rescued person and therefore a servant of God and of others. This is pivotal—you are not primarily an American or a consumer or an engineer or a graduate of A & M or a student or a Democrat.
- Titus 1:1-4: “I am rescued by grace and then become God’s servant to others. I will:

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- Have a family discussion about our identity as servants and the applications.
 - Attend the short-term missions meeting today and plan for a trip next year?
 - Attend the George Verwer meeting on Tuesday and plan for a trip next year?
 - Get involved in Angel Food ministry to help low-income families in our area?
 - Volunteer to work at the Fall Fest Outreach on October 24.
 - Bring friends one night and volunteer one night at Uncle Dave’s Diner. 12/3-6
 - Serve in student ministry or kid’s ministry or nursery at CBC.
 - Or, what God leads me to: _____

“Walking Papers”

Practical helps for walking the Christian walk each day this week.

Idea: In Christ we are defined as rescued people...and commissioned for service to God and service to others. (Titus 1:1-4)

- Please read Titus 1:1-4 each day before looking at the exercises.
- **Today:** “The first thing that comes to mind when I think about “Who am I?” is:
- **Monday:** What does it mean for you that as a rescued person your life is totally defined by your relationship with God?
- **Tuesday:** What does it mean for you that you are a servant of God and others?
- **Wednesday:** Please read John 13:1-20. What does this stir up in your heart?
- **Thursday:** Please reflect, pray, and journal on this idea: “God has rescued me!”
- **Friday:** Are there ways that you are more “American” than “Christian?” How?
- **Saturday:** Please refer to “The Titus Journal” and ask God what specific action He expects of you based on your identity as a servant of God and man.

Note for Connection Groups: The full study guide for small group and personal study is available at: www.cypressbible.org and then click on “Get Connected” and the link is on that page.