

## THE BIBLE TELLS ME THE TRUTH ABOUT 4 THINGS



1. **Who God is** – Read Genesis chapters 1 and 2 and take note of God’s nature and character. Be careful to not focus on what God does, but on what you learn about who God is and what He values. As you read other passages of Scripture, add to your lists of God’s characteristics.
2. **Who I am** – The Bible has much to teach us about how we are made in God’s image, and what happens to our spirits, souls, and bodies as we are transformed by God’s Word and His Spirit. As you study the Bible, pay attention to Holy Spirit speaking to you about your personal identity. A great starting place is in Genesis chapters 1 and 2.
3. **Who we are together** – Learn to read the word *you* as plural rather than singular. Almost every time the word *you* appears in the New Testament it is plural. The epistles are primarily written to the corporate body of Jesus followers, not to individual believers. This understanding intensifies personal responsibility as we learn to pray together, trust God together, suffer together, rejoice together, etc.

Begin with these Scriptures to learn more about who we are together.

1 Corinthians 12:27

Romans 12:5

Galatians 3:26-28

Ephesians 2:13, 18-22

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

2 Corinthians 2:14

4. **How do I live?** – Throughout the Bible we are challenged and encouraged by Holy Spirit to learn God’s way to think, speak and behave, both individually and corporately. Whenever we sense God’s conviction about our thinking, speech and/or behavior, an honorable response is to repent. We need His help in this transformation process; He does not expect us to learn His Kingdom ways through our own striving! God sent Jesus so we can learn a new way to truly live ~ He wants us to learn to live as much-loved children and to love life!

As you study the Bible, keep these 4 questions in mind:

1. What does this passage of Scripture say about who God is?
2. What does it say about who I am?
3. What does it say about the Body of Christ?
4. What does it say about how to live in the world, but not of it?