

# YOU ARE, Part 2

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Last week, I spoke with you about the influence on our lives of God, our Creator—because of *who* He is, *how* He is, and *where* He is. Why is this significant? Because *who* God is, *how* God is, and *where* God is... determines what we *are*.

Who God is—the Creator who cares so much that He took our place and the judgment that should have been ours—the God who *“so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, so that whoever believes in Him would not perish but have everlasting life”*—who God is, makes possible eternal life and salvation.

How God is—merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry, filled with unending love, faithful and redemptive—God in human skin, God ever with us—how God is, prompts our comfort, security, and hope.

Where God is—always with us—bringing the broadest perspective, wisdom, and kindness to our aid. Too often, we are more aware of our circumstances and feelings, than we are of His presence and His authority. Too often, we speak with Him as someone who is distant and uninformed, requiring our counsel, instead of someone who is present and supremely aware, and who deserves our attentive cooperation. In reality, where God is is a game-changer!

Who God is, how God is, and where God is... determines what we *are*. It determines our level of insight and understanding, our level of confidence or fear, our decisiveness or hesitancy, our faithfulness or selfishness.

And similarly, my friends, *who you are*, *how you are*, and *where you are*... determines what you *do*.

## **Who You Are**

(Identity: How you see yourself and your past)

*John 13:3 Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God. <sup>4</sup> So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, <sup>5</sup> and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him.*

Who He was determined what He could do and what He did.

So if “*who you are*” also determines what you do, could you be misled about your identity?