

Jude: Who Are You?
Jude 1-4
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Who are you?
Who do you think you are?
The natural human condition is to think too much of ourselves.
We over-trust our thoughts to tell us the truth about who we are.

How can our thoughts about who we are be changed?
A greater/more powerful thought must take its place.
The source of the thoughts must change.
The focus of my thoughts must change.

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Who does Jude think he is?
He could have started with his resume.
Which would include being the half-brother of Jesus!
He had to reject the old thoughts about who he was- not default to his resume.

Jude starts with being a “servant of Jesus Christ”
Bondservant; freed but chooses to stay.
Once we come to Christ in faith, we shift from being servant of me to servant of Jesus.
Who do you think you are? NAME, servant of Jesus Christ.

Christ; 6x in Jude; 530x in NT; it’s not a name, it’s a title.
Anointed- set aside by God for a specific task.
Prophets, priests and kings.
Messiah- savior, redeemer, one who sets free.
Who do you think you are?

NAME, servant of the Messiah.

Who you are derives from who Jesus is and what he has done.
it's from outside of you, placed into you by Jesus.
No matter how loud the old voices are, they cannot stand against the truth of who we are in Christ.
God is completely powerful to change our internal lies with eternal glorious truth.

Who do you think you are?
Called- the King has placed a summons on you to be in relationship with him. (1 Tim 1:9)
Kept- guarded; carefully watched over. (Jn 10:28)
Loved- wholeheartedly loved.
Who do you think you are?
NAME, called, loved and kept by God in Jesus.

As God's called, loved and kept child, what is given to you?
Mercy- not given the justice we deserve; living in gratitude that God's vengeance is removed through Jesus.
Peace- the peace of God comes from peace with God.
Love- Rom 5; the Holy Spirit pours the love of God into us.
What do you think you receive because of who you are in Christ?
Abundant mercy, peace and love.

What do we do because of who we are?
We earnestly fight for the faith.
The teaching and doctrine of Jesus.
We fight for it because it's beautiful and the source of our meaning

We fight for the right doctrine of the faith because it's under attack attack that Jude is facing. (and the 21st century Church):
God's grace as license to live any way you want to.
Indulge in whatever makes you happy, especially sexuality.

Who does God think you are?
God doesn't only determine who we are after salvation/faith in Christ.
When we reject the doctrine and truth of Christ- we are condemned.
God says who we are is ultimately determined by our response to the gospel.

Who do you think you are? Either/or:
It's ok to believe and live any way you want to - condemned.
Don't worry about rules or morality; grace covers it all- ungodly perversion.

Trusting God for salvation, but unsure about who you are:
There's no better Master!
Messiah- Savior and Redeemer.
God called you, loves you, keeps you.
God's mercy, peace and love are yours in abundance.