

## Bible Study

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**AM I QUALIFIED FOR THE JOB?**

*(Provide a sheet of paper and pen or pencil for each person present. Bibles should also be available or print out passages for readers to share.)*

**Opening Prayer:**

Lord, You know me far better than I know myself. You know my strengths and my every weakness, my every act and my every desire. Yet You love me, forgive me and give me Your grace and the power of the Holy Spirit to do Your will. Strengthen me through the assurance that I am Your redeemed child and give me a willing heart to serve You. Amen.

**WHO AM I?**

There are at least three views of every person:

- Who I think I am.
- Who others think I am.
- Who I think others think I am.

Take a look at these three views of yourself. Please take the piece of paper you have been given and fold it into thirds starting at the top. On the top third write a word or phrase that best describes who you are. For example: cheerful, hard working, creative, serious, etc. On the bottom third of the page write what you think best describes how you think others see or know you. This may be the same word or phrase you used on the top of the page or something different.

Now fold your sheet so that your words do not show. Exchange papers with a friend or acquaintance. On the middle portion showing write a word or phrase that best describes how you see this person. Have your partner do the same for you. Exchange papers.

Compare what your partner wrote with what you had already written about yourself. Are the views the same or different? If different, why? Which view do you feel is most correct? Has this exchange of views changed the way you see yourself? If so, how? *(Allow time for discussion.)*

**GOD'S VIEW**

There is yet another view of you. God's view! He sees you for what you are and reminds you in His Word of what you are to Him. Let's share what God's Word has to say about how He views each one of us. *(Have someone volunteer to read each passage from the Bible.)*

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| Genesis 1:26-27     | <i>(Made in His image.)</i>  |
| Psalms 103:11-14    | <i>(Sins removed from us.)</i>                                       |
| Psalms 139:14-16    | <i>(Fearfully and wonderfully made.)</i>                             |
| Romans 12:4-6a      | <i>(All have different gifts.)</i>                                   |
| 1 Corinthians 12:13 | <i>(All baptized by one Spirit.)</i>                                 |
| 1 Peter 1:3         | <i>(New birth into a living hope through Christ's resurrection.)</i> |
| 1 Peter 2:9         | <i>(A chosen people)</i>   |

How can seeing yourself from God's point of view help you to better understand who you are? Does this form a new view of yourself? If so, what can you do to use this new understanding of yourself and your gifts?

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

Father and Creator of all, thank you for showing me that I have been wonderfully made by You. Help me to see myself from Your view, knowing that when I repent, all my sins have been forgiven and removed. Create in me a willing heart to use my gifts to serve You in thanksgiving for all You have done for me. Amen.

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