



Saints,

Matt Wordell wrote a devotion and sent it out to his flock as an elder. I thought all of our members would be encouraged by it.

You will find it below.

In Him,
Pastor P

Who's Mouse are You?

When my children were younger they used to love a book called Who's Mouse are You? It's a cute little book about a little mouse that loses his family. The narrator asks him whose mouse he is and he says he's nobody's mouse because a cat takes his sister, his father is caught in a trap, and so on. About half way through the book the mouse decides to get his family back so that he can say he's his father's mouse and his mother's mouse again.

The poor little mouse is labeled over and over again in the book, sometimes in a negative way and sometimes in a positive way. Reminds me of most everybody I know. He certainly reminds me of me. I've had all kinds of labels put on me in my 35 years. I've been labeled son, father, teacher, husband, coach, friend, best man, and many more positive ones than I can remember. I've been labeled with more negative names than I (thankfully) know including jerk, loser, sinner, and too many others. How about you? How are you labeled? Are you called rich, poor, fat, thin, old, young, attractive? Who labels you, friends, family, co-workers, yourself?

Whoever it is and whatever the label you should know you're in good company. Christians throughout the Bible have been labeled with names upon names. But you should know something about all those labels; there is only one label that matters. That one important label is "Redeemed Child of God."

Take a look through the Bible and think about the labels we could give some of the Christians in it. Adam and Eve? The original sinners. Noah? Drunkard. Abraham? Adulterer. Jacob? Liar. Moses? Self-important. Aaron? Idolater. David? Adulterer and murderer. Peter? Coward. The disciples? Deserters. Paul? Murderer. Need I go on? But there's something important to remember about these people (and you), when God thinks of them (and you) all those labels are meaningless. When God thinks of them (and you) he only thinks of the label, redeemed child of God.

Galatians 3:26 - 29: "You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." Republican or Democrat? No, a redeemed child of God. Liberal or conservative? No, a redeemed child of God. Old or young? Good or bad? Friend or enemy? Saint or sinner? No, again and again and again. You are a redeemed child of God. Always and forever.