

**Am I one of *them*?**  
**Going home – part 5**  
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- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ can change \_\_\_\_\_.
- "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. Isa 55:8-9 NIV
  - If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by **being like-minded**, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but **in humility consider others better than yourselves**. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Phil 2:1-4 NIV
  - Do not be afraid, for I am with you; **I will bring your children** from the east and **gather** you from the west. I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.' Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth-- everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made." Isa 43:5-7 NIV
- 2) The Lord calls me \_\_\_\_\_ a blessing, yet I often focus on \_\_\_\_\_ a blessing!
- "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and **you will be a blessing**. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and **all peoples on earth will be blessed** through you." Gen 12:2-3 NIV
  - We should **please others**. If we do what helps them, we will build them up in the Lord. For even Christ didn't please himself...May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other--**each with the attitude of Christ Jesus toward the other**. Rom 15:2-6 NLT

- 3) What I \_\_\_\_\_ determines how I \_\_\_\_\_!
- About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. He became hungry and wanted something to eat, ..."Surely not, Lord!" Peter replied. "I have never eaten anything impure or unclean." The voice spoke to him a second time, "**Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.**" Acts 10:9-15 NIV
  - As Peter entered the house, Cornelius met him and fell at his feet in reverence. But Peter made him get up. "Stand up," he said, "**I am only a man myself.**" Acts 10:25-26 NIV
  - He said to them: "You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with a Gentile or visit him. But **God has shown me that I should not call any man impure or unclean.** Acts 10:28 NIV
- 4) Am I one of the great \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of God?
- After this I looked and there before me was **a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb**. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." Rev 7:9-10 NIV
  - Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Then the angel said to me, "Write: '**Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!**'" Rev 19:6-9 NIV

*Heretic rebel a thing to flout, he drew a circle that shut me out, But Love and I had the wit to win, We drew a circle that brought him in!*  
– Markam