

Understanding Who We Are In Christ

Isaiah 43:1-4

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The book of Isaiah, beginning at **Chapter 40**, carries a message of comfort and hope for the people of God who had sinned, been punished, and had suffered many trials. God shows His people and us how much He loves us in **Chapter 43**, and helps us to understand who we are.

1) **God speaks as creator – v1**: God wants us to know at least three things:

- a) We belong to God – a special and unique claim upon us – He formed us, fashioned and created us – **Genesis 1:27, 2:7** and **Psalms 139:15-16**.
- b) Not to be afraid – a command with promise, I have redeemed you. Rescued and paid the debt that we could not pay with Jesus at Calvary – **1 Corinthians 6:19-20**.
- c) "I have called you by name; You are mine," shows we are twice owned by God. He owns us as Creator and as Redeemer. His ownership is personal. I have called you by name. It is also certain because He seals it by saying "you are mine" – **Luke 12:7**.

Knowing we belong to God is a wonderful answer to fear. We know that He holds us, protects us, guards us, and cares for us, and has planned for our future. Remember God never starts anything that He cannot or has not finished – **Philippians 1:6, Hebrews 12:2**.

2) **God speaks as companion – v2**: Notice the promises God makes when He is with us.

- a) He sees our difficulty and at the same time sees us going through **v2a**.

- b) Not only does God see us going through because He is with us, He also makes a promise that we will live through what we go through – 2b.
 - c) God also sees us not in a hurry when difficulties come nor concerned or alarmed because of His presence – 2c, Isaiah 26:3, Isaiah 28:16 NKJV.
- 3) **God speaks and shows how much he cares, vs 3-4:** Verse #4 shows the motivation for God's work of redemption – 4b: "You are precious, you are honored, and I love you," – John 3:16-17, Romans 5:6-11 NLT.