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## **You Belong To Me**

**How is that for a thought?** How is what for a thought? **You belong to me.** That is quite a thought. **What do you mean by saying that?** I could think about that thought for quite some time, maybe my entire life, and only begin to scratch the surface of what that thought means for me today, tomorrow, and forever. The truth of that thought will unfold differently with greater meaning and purpose every day as I love and follow and serve you. I have no doubt about that, none whatsoever. **That's good.**

**I would like you to scratch the surface of that thought. Tell me what it means to you, that you belong to me.** Where will I begin? **Begin anywhere.** Here goes. You love and care for me. You lived and died for me. You came into this world to save my soul. You rescued me from a life without you. You paid for my sins. You cleansed my unrighteousness. You broke down the wall of sin that separated me from God. You healed my bruised and battered and broken life. You restored my soul. You made it so I could live in an intimate relationship with you. You filled me with your Holy Spirit, which by the way, is like a deposit or guarantee that you have a place reserved in heaven for me. **That it is, without a doubt.** You gave me a completely new life to live. You made it so I could live my life with and for you. You have set a course through life for me to run. You have surrounded me with a great cloud of witnesses to encourage and spur me on as I run the race you have set before me. You have given my life hope and meaning and purpose. You have given me gifts and talents and abilities with which I can serve you. You have made it so I can bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. You have made it possible for me to be able to store up treasure in heaven with you. You are using me to be a bright and bold witness in the darkness of the world. How am I doing so far? **You are doing very well. You are doing far more than scratching the surface.** Well, I have saved some of the very best for now. You have made it so I can love you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength because you love me, and I belong to you. **Yes, you do, belong to me.** For that, I am now, and will forever be thankful and grateful. **That is very good.**

*Lord, it is so good that I belong to you. I am your child. You love and care for me. You gave yourself for me. You lived and died for me. You pray for me. What a blessing. What a gift. With great joy I will happily live each moment of every day with and for you. Amen*

**Promises** *We Belong To The Lord*

For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

NIV Romans 14:7-8

**Promises** *We Are The Lord's*

For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

ESV Romans 14:7-8

**Promises** *We Belong To The Lord*

For we don't live for ourselves or die for ourselves. If we live, it's to honor the Lord. And if we die, it's to honor the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

NLT Romans 14:7-8

**Promises** *We Are The Lord's*

For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

NKJV Romans 14:7-8

**Promises** *We Are The Lord's*

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

NRSV Romans 14:7-8

**Promises** *It's God We Are Answerable To*

None of us are permitted to insist on our own way in these matters. It's God we are answerable to—all the way from life to death and everything in between—not each other.

MSG Romans 14:7-8

**Promises** *We Belong To The Lord*

None of us lives to himself [but to the Lord], and none of us dies to himself [but to the Lord, for] If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or we die, we belong to the Lord.

AMP Romans 14:7-8

**Promises** *Either Way We Are His*

We are not our own bosses to live or die as we ourselves might choose. Living or dying we follow the Lord. Either way we are his.

TLB Romans 14:7-8

**Promises** *We Are The Lord's*

For not one of us lives for himself, and not one dies for himself; for if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

NASB Romans 14:7-8

**Promises** *We Belong To The Lord*

We do not live or die for ourselves. If we live, we are living for the Lord, and if we die, we are dying for the Lord. So living or dying, we belong to the Lord.

NCV Romans 14:7-8

# We Belong To The Lord

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Promises** – Romans 14:7-8

**In Context:** *Read Romans 14*

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God's Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:** ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, it is so good that I belong to you. I am your child. You love and care for me. You gave yourself for me. You lived and died for me. You pray for me. What a blessing. What a gift. With great joy I will happily live each moment of every day with and for you. Amen

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**What It Means:** ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

What joy do you have in knowing that you belong to Jesus Christ?

How does knowing that you belong to Jesus Christ impact the way you think and speak and act?

**How are you living every moment of every day with and for the Lord because you belong to Him?**

How has belonging to Jesus Christ changed the entire course of your life?

**What will you do differently today because you know that you belong to Jesus Christ?**

**What comfort, peace and hope are yours because you know you belong to Jesus Christ?**

How secure is your future now and forever because you belong to Jesus Christ?

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**Living It Out:** ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Live each moment of every day with and for the Lord because you belong to Him.

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**Seeing It Happen:** ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that you can live your life with and for the Lord because you belong to Him.

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**Get Ready To Share:** ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you are living your life with and for the Lord.

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**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you live your life with and for the Lord because you belong to Him.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will happily live my life with and for you because I belong to you.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how can I live my life with and for you today?*

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