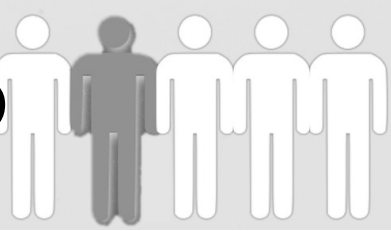


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Romans 6:1-11



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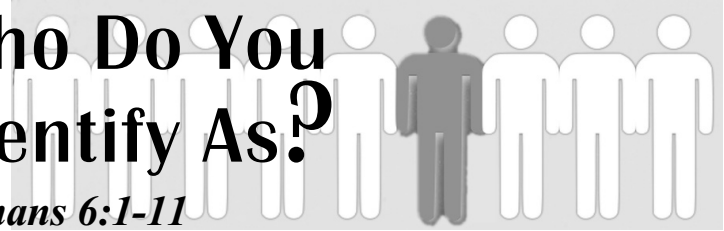
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What is my pronoun? It should be **H-I-M**. My identify is found **in HIM**, in Jesus Christ, and **He's In Me (H.I.M.)**.

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