

Indicatives and Imperatives

Indicative: A statement of truth or fact

Example: Kathy Chapell's given middle name is Beth.

Imperative: A direct order or instruction

Example: Raise your hand if know Kathy Chapell's given middle name is Beth.

The **indicative** precedes the imperative, and the order cannot be reversed.

Our identity precedes our role.

Our response to the gospel—the imperatives—
is based on
our identity—the indicative.

I do not—I cannot—win my justification, or God's love.

My identity is already secure, by God's love.

My justification is already won, by Jesus' sacrifice.

My obedience to His Word—is my response.

What are the indicatives in our passage?

1. Christ Jesus has made me His own!

2. Our citizenship is in heaven!

3. The Lord is near!