LEARNING MY TRUE IDENTITY IN CHRIST
The Foundation for a Life Well-Lived - Part 2
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1 Peter 2:9-10
“You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.”

GOD’S TRUE VIEW OF YOU: IN CHRIST . . .

1. “You have been CHOSEN by God himself!” 1 Peter 2:9 (LB)
   • BECAUSE “He chose us in him before the creation of the world, to be holy and blameless in his sight by his love.” Ephesians 1:4
   • BECAUSE “Jesus treated us much better than we deserve. He made us acceptable to God and gave us the hope of eternal life.” Titus 3:7 (CEV)

2. “You are a HOLY nation, a people BELONGING to God!” 1 Peter 2:9
   “You are a people holy to the Lord your God . . . his treasured possession.” Deuteronomy 7:6 (NIV)
   God says: “You are precious to me.” Isaiah 43:4 (TEV)
   • BECAUSE “Look at the birds . . . God feeds them and you are far more valuable to Him than any birds!” Luke 12:24
   • BECAUSE “You have been bought and paid for by Christ, so you belong to him . . .” 1 Corinthians 7:23 (LB)

3. “Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God.” 1 Peter 2:10
   “I have loved you, my people, with an everlasting love. With unfailing love I have drawn you to myself.” Jeremiah 31:3 (NLT)
   • BECAUSE “God’s love is eternal and his faithfulness lasts forever.” Psalm 100:5 (TEV)

4. “At one time you did not know God’s mercy, but now you have received his mercy.” 1 Peter 2:10b (TEV)
   “There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” Romans 8:1
   • BECAUSE “I am the God who forgives your sins, and I do this because of who I am. I will not hold your sins against you.” Isaiah 43:25 (TEV)
   • BECAUSE “For the blood of Christ we are set free, that is, our sins are forgiven. How great is the grace of God!” Ephesians 1:7 (TEV)

5. “You are royal priests . . . chosen to tell about the wonderful acts of God, who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.” 1 Peter 2:9 (NCV)
   “The capacity we have comes from God; it is he who made us capable of serving the new covenant . . .” 2 Corinthians 3:5b-6 (TEV)
   • BECAUSE “I can do everything through Christ who gives me strength.” Philippians 4:13

How should my identity affect how I act?