

## Christian Identity

### 1 Peter 2:9-10

## NOTES

**First: We are people with a PAST.**

1 Peter 2:10 (NASB) "You once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."

1. **Once we were completely ALONE.**

Ephesians 2:11-12 (NLT) "'Don't forget that you used to be outsiders. ... In those days you were living apart from Christ. You were excluded from citizenship among the people of Israel, and you did not know the covenant promises God had made to them. You lived in this world without God and without hope."

2. **Once we were completely without HOPE.**

Ephesians 2:11-12 (NLT) " You lived in this world without God and without hope."

**Second: We are people with a PURPOSE.**

2 Peter 2:9 (Phillips) "But you are God's "chosen generation", his "royal priesthood", his "holy nation", his "peculiar people" - all the old titles of God's people now belong to you. It is for you now to demonstrate the goodness of him who has called you out of darkness into his amazing light."

1. **Living STONES**

1 Peter 2:4-5a (NLT) "You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God's temple. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honor. And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple."

Ephesians 2:19-22 (NASB) "So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit."

1 Corinthians 3:16-17 (NASB) "Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If any man destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him, for the temple of God is holy, and that is what you are."

2. **A chosen RACE**

2 Peter 1:3-4 (NASB) "His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust."

3. **A royal PRIESTHOOD**

Ephesians 2:6 (NLT) "For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus."

Romans 5:17b (GNB) "All who receive God's abundant grace and are freely put right with him will rule in life through Christ."

4. **A holy NATION**

Colossians 1:13-14 (NASB) "For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

2 Timothy 2:21 (NIV) "if a man cleanses himself from these he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work."

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#### 5. A people **BELONGING** to God

Ephesians 1: 13-14 (NLT) "(God) identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify him."

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NASB) "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body."

#### Third: We are people with a **PROCLAMATION**.

1 Peter 1:9 (NASB) "You are a chosen race, A royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

Colossians 1:28 (NASB) "We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ."

#### 1. Proclaiming the **EXCELLENCIES** of God.

Revelation 15: 3-4 (NLT) "And they were singing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb: "Great and marvelous are your works, O Lord God, the Almighty. Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations. Who will not fear you, Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous deeds have been revealed."

#### 2. Proclaiming the **SALVATION** of God.

Romans 1:14-16 (NASB) "I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. So, for my part, I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."

#### Application:

Examine your relationship with God through Jesus.

Are you "born again" by His Spirit? (Jn. 3)

Have you received Jesus? (Jn. 1:12)

Have you confessed your sin and Christ as Lord? (Rom. 10:9-13)

What do you need to do about your relationship with Christ?

As a believer how do you apply what Peter says about your identity? You are:

A living Stone

Chosen Race

Royal Priesthood

Holy Nation

God's Own Possession

What do you need to do this week to proclaim:

The Excellencies of God

The Salvation of God

What do you need to do to adjust your life to what God has revealed to you this morning.

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