

Identity: Who am I?

1 Peter 2:9-12

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SIGNIFICANCE

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But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. ¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

If you're a follower of Christ, your identity is framed by your

- Special calling – 1 Peter 2:9a *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession,*
 - God's calling on your life supersedes your fears, temptations, and proclivities.
- High-value mission – 1 Peter 2:9b *that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.*
 - Whose accomplishments are geared towards pointing others towards the accomplishments of Jesus Christ.

- Mercy received – 1 Peter 2:10 *Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*
 - Christian identity is far more in what we've received rather than anything we've built.
 - God's mercy enables building a legacy that lasts.

Q: What difference does this make in my life?

- You have maximum motivation in the battle that matters – 1 Peter 2:11 *Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.*

1 John 2:16-17 *For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.*

- You have a reason greater than your own happiness to live with honor – 1 Peter 2:12 *Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.*