

Identity: Who am I?

1 Peter 2:9-12

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# SIGNIFICANCE

I am His.

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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. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 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.*