LEARNING MY TRUE IDENTITY IN CHRIST

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1 Peter 2:9-10

"You are a <u>chosen people</u>, a <u>royal priesthood</u>, <u>a holy nation</u>, <u>a people belonging to God</u>, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. <u>Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of</u> <u>God</u>; once you had not received mercy, but <u>now you have</u> <u>received mercy</u>."

GOD'S TRUE VIEW OF YOU: IN CHRIST

1.

"You have been <u>CHOSEN by God</u> himself!" 1 Peter 2:9 (LB)

BECAUSE

"<u>He chose us</u> in him before the creation of the world, to be holy and blameless in his sight <u>by his love</u>." Ephesians 1:4

BECAUSE

"Jesus treated us much better than we deserve. <u>He made</u> <u>us acceptable to God</u> and gave us the hope of eternal life." Titus 3:7 (CEV)

2.

"You are a <u>HOLY</u> nation, a people <u>BELONGING to God</u>!" 1 Peter 2:9

"You are a <u>people holy to the Lord</u> your God . . . his <u>treasured</u> 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 <u>far more</u> <u>valuable</u> to Him than any birds!" Luke 12:24

• BECAUSE

"You have been <u>bought and paid for by Christ</u>, so <u>you belong</u> to him . . ." 1 Corinthians 7:23 (LB) 3.

"Once you were not a people, but <u>now you are the people</u> of God." 1 Peter 2:10

"I have loved you, my people, with an <u>everlasting love</u>. With <u>unfailing love</u> I have drawn you to myself." Jeremiah 31:3 (NLT)

BECAUSE

"God's <u>love</u> is <u>eternal</u> and his <u>faithfulness lasts forever</u>." 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 <u>do this because of</u> <u>who I am</u>. I will not hold your sins against you." Isaiah 43:25 (TEV)

• BECAUSE

"For by 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 <u>royal priests</u>... <u>chosen to tell</u> about the wonderful acts of God, who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." 1 Peter 2:9 (NCV)

"The <u>capacity we have</u> comes from God; it is he who made us <u>capable</u> of serving the new covenant . . . "

2 Corinthians 3:5b-6 (TEV)

• BECAUSE _

"I can do everything <u>through Christ who gives me strength</u>." Philippians 4:13

How should my identity affect how I act? Rom. 15:7, 1 Pet. 2:17, Col.3:12, Eph. 4:32, Heb. 13:6