



## WHO I AM

### UNCOMMON PURSUITS: EPISODE 3 OF 6

*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.* 1 Peter 2:9-10 (GW)

**MAIN IDEA: TREK TOWARDS THE SPIRITUAL PEAK OF GOD'S VIEW OF ME.**

### GOD'S VIEW OF ME: IN CHRIST...

#### 1. I AM COMPLETELY **ACCEPTED**

*You have been chosen by God himself!* 1 Pet. 2:9 (LB)

**\*BECAUSE GOD CHOSE ME BEFORE EVERYTHING**

*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 HAS MADE ME ACCEPTABLE**

*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. I'M EXTREMELY **VALUABLE**

*You are a holy nation, a people belonging to God!* 1 Peter 2:9

*God says, 'You are precious to me.'* Isaiah 43:4 (TEV)

**\*BECAUSE GOD IS MY FATHER**

**LOOK AT THE BIRDS... GOD FEEDS THEM AND YOU ARE FAR MORE VALUABLE TO HIM THAN ANY BIRDS! LUKE 12:24**

**\*BECAUSE JESUS GAVE HIS LIFE FOR ME**

**YOU HAVE BEEN BOUGHT AND PAID FOR BY CHRIST, SO YOU BELONG TO HIM... 1 CORINTHIANS 7:23**

#### 3. I'M ETERNALLY **LOVED**

*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 IS LOVE**

**GOD'S LOVE IS ETERNAL AND HIS FAITHFULNESS LASTS FOREVER. PSALM 100:5**

#### 4. I AM TOTALLY **FORGIVEN**

*At one time you did not know God's mercy, but now you have received his mercy.* 1 Peter 2:10 (TEV)

*There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.* Romans 8:1

**\*BECAUSE IT'S IN GOD'S NATURE TO FORGIVE**

**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**

**\*BECAUSE JESUS PAID FOR MY SINS**

**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**

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## 5. I AM FULLY CAPABLE

*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 Cor. 3:5-6 (TEV)*

**\*BECAUSE CHRIST LIVES IN ME**

**I CAN DO EVERYTHING THROUGH CHRIST WHO GIVES ME STRENGTH. PHILIPPIANS 4:13**

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