



# HOPE

## Talk to Yourself

### 1 Peter 2:9-10

“I have learned to talk to myself instead of listen to myself.”

James Gills

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But 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; for 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. Who We are

##### Deuteronomy 7:7-9

"The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but because the LORD loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers, the LORD brought you out by a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

##### Our unique identity in Christ:

##### 1. A Chosen Race - “I am chosen by God.”

##### John 15:16

You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.

##### 2. A Royal Priesthood - “I am called and enabled to serve God.”

##### 3. A Holy Nation - “I am holy, set apart for God's glory.”

##### 4. A People for God's Own Possession - “I belong to the Creator.”

##### 1 Peter 1:18-19

knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

“I am a part of the unique people of God and a recipient of His great mercy.”

**In Christ, YOU ARE:**

- chosen by God
- called and enabled to serve God
- holy, set apart for God’s glory
- a valued possession of the Creator
- a part of the unique people of God
- a recipient of His great mercy

**2. What We Do**

- proclaim = lit. “tell out” or “tell forth” - to advertise; to tell something otherwise unknown
- excellencies = the excellent attributes of God - His mighty deeds and saving acts -to declare to others; to advertise to the world His ability to perform heroic and powerful deeds

**Our purpose is not to say  
“Look at me!”  
but,  
“Look at HIM!”**



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