



My Identity in Christ | October 23, 2021

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But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light. 10 "Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God's people. Once you received no mercy; now you have received God's mercy.

1 Peter 2:9&10

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

1. I am chosen by God! *"...for you are a chosen people."*

- BECAUSE Jesus made me acceptable to God.

When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, 5 he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. 6 He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior. 7 Because of his grace he made us right in his sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life. Titus 3:4-7 NLT

2. I am valuable to God!

You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession.

- BECAUSE Jesus gave His life for me.

"But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners." Romans 5:8 NLT

3. I reveal the goodness of God!
As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.
- BECAUSE God called me from darkness to light.
But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin. 1 John 1:7 NLT
4. I am loved by God!
Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God's people.
- BECAUSE Jesus makes me a child of God.

But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. John 1:12 NLT

God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. Ephesians 1:5 NLT
5. I am forgiven by God!
Once you received no mercy; now you have received God's mercy.
- BECAUSE Jesus Paid for my sin.

He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. Ephesians 1:7 NLT