

LIVING FOR GOD IN OUR WORLD - PART 3
DO I KNOW WHO I AM?
I Peter 2:4-10

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Proverbs 23:7- For as he thinks within himself, so he is.

WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT YOU

1. "You are a chosen people..."
2. "You are a people belonging to God..."
3. "You are living stones..."
4. "You are a royal priesthood and holy nation..."
5. "Once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy"

AS A PART OF GOD'S FAMILY...

I. I AM _____ (chosen by God).

1 Peter 2:9- But you are a chosen people...

Romans 15:7- "...Christ has accepted you."

Psalms. 27:10- "Even if my mother and father forsake me, the Lord will receive me."

II. I AM _____ (you belong to God).

1 Peter 2:9- ... a people belonging to God...

WHAT DETERMINES VALUE?

* WHAT SOMEBODY IS WILLING TO _____ FOR SOMETHING.

* WHO HAS _____ IT IN THE PAST.

1 Corinthians 7:23 - You have been bought and **paid for by Christ**, so you belong to him

1 Peter 2:4 - "Come to the Lord, the living Stone rejected as worthless by men, but chosen as **valuable** by God. **YOU ALSO**, like living stones, are being built into a **spiritual house...**"

Luke 20:14-18 - "But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. 'This is the heir,' they said. 'Let's kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' ¹⁵ So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. "What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶ He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When the people heard this, they said, "May this never be!" ¹⁷ Jesus looked directly at them and asked, "Then what is the meaning of that which is written: "**The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone**?' ¹⁸ Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed."

III. I AM _____ & _____ (you are a royal priest).

1 Peter 2:5 ... YOU ALSO, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood,...

- When we come to Jesus - not the city of Jerusalem - we come to the "living stone."
- When we come to Jesus - not to Judaism - we come into God's kingdom.
- When we come to Jesus - not the temple - we come to God's "spiritual house" and "holy priesthood."

1 Peter 2:9 - But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation...

BENEFITS OF A PRIEST.

1. _____ **ACCESS TO GOD.**

Mark 15:38-39 - The curtain of the temple was **torn in two from top to bottom.** ³⁹
And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, heard his cry and saw how he died, he said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!"

2. **WE HAVE BEEN GIFTED FOR** _____.

1 Peter 2:9 - ... you are holy and pure, you are God's very own all this **so that you may show to others how God called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.**

2 Timothy 1:9 - It is he who saved us and chose us for **his holy work...**

1 Corinthians 12:5, 7, 27 - "**There are different kinds of service to God...**" ⁷ The Holy Spirit displays God's power through each of us **as a means of helping the entire church.** ²⁷ All of you together are the one body of Christ, and each one of you is a separate and **necessary part.**"

IV. I AM _____ (you have received mercy).

1 Peter 2:10 - 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.**

Isaiah 43:25 - "I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.

Ephesians 1:4 - "...Through what Christ would do for us, God decided to make us holy in his eyes without a single fault...we stand before Him covered with His love."