

You Are and You Know It, So You Should...

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1Pe 2:9 But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

1Pe 2:10 Which in time past *were* not a people, but *are* now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

I. What you are...

- A. You are:** **1Pe 1:1** ...strangers scattered throughout...
- B. You are:** **1Pe 1:2** Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ...
- C. You are:** **1Pe 1:3** ...begotten...again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
1Pe 1:4 To an inheritance...reserved in heaven for you,
- D. You are:** **1Pe 1:5** ...kept by the power of God through faith...
- E. You are:** **1Pe 1:6** ...now for a season...in heaviness through manifold temptations:
- F. You are:** **1Pe 1:9** Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.
- G. You are:** **1Pe 1:18** ...not redeemed with corruptible things...

1Pe 1:19 But with the precious blood of Christ...

H. You are: 1Pe 1:23 ...born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

I. You are: 1Pe 2:5 ...as lively stones...built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

J. You are: 1Pe 2:9 ...a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people...

K. You are: 1Pe 2:9 ...called out of darkness into his marvellous light:

L. You are: 1Pe 2:10 ...now the people of God...

II. The life-changing mountaintop experience of knowing Jesus and being in church

1Pe 1:19 ...the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

1Pe 1:20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

1Pe 1:23 Being born again...by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

1Pe 1:25 ...And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

1Pe 2:4 To whom coming, *as unto* a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, *and* precious,

1Pe 2:5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

1Pe 2:6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

1Pe 2:7 Unto you therefore which believe *he is* precious...

1Pe 2:9 ...*ye are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people...

III. Further thoughts on perhaps the greatest 'You Are' statements in the Bible

A You are chosen

1Pe 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father...

Eph 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world...

Eph 1:5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

Eph 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace...

Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son...

Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate...them he also glorified.

B. You are ‘generation’ —(From the Greek word *genos*)

Act 4:6 ...the kindred (*genos*) of the high priest, were gathered together...

Act 17:29 Forasmuch then as we are the offspring (*genos*) of God...

Act 18:2 And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born (*genos*) in Pontus...

Tit 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Tit 3:6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

Tit 3:7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Joh 3:8 The wind bloweth where it listeth...so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

C. The Old Testament stated these as conditional (“if—then”) statement

Exo 19:5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a **peculiar** treasure unto me above all **people**: for all the earth *is* mine:

Exo 19:6 And ye shall be unto me a **kingdom of priests**, and an **holy nation**...

D. This New Testament statement speaks of what you now “ARE”

1. Royal priesthood

Rev 1:5 ...Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

Rev 1:6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father...

2. Holy nation

Col 1:22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:

3. Peculiar people

—From a Latin word for ‘private property’; Belonging to a person and to him only; One’s own; A people especially possessed by God and particularly prized by Him

Eph 1:14 ...the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

E. Were not a people but are now the people of God—Had not, but now have mercy

Hos 1:6 ...Call her name Loruhamah: for I will no more have mercy upon...Israel...

Hos 1:9 ...Call his name Loammi: for ye *are* not my people, and I will not be your *God*.

Hos 1:10 ...it shall come to pass, *that* in the place where it was said unto them, Ye *are* not my people, *there* it shall be said unto them, Ye *are* the sons of the living God.

Hos 2:23 ...and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to *them* which were not my people, Thou *art* my people; and they shall say, Thou *art* my God.

IV. The wonder of the New Testament, life-changing idea of knowing mercy

Heb 8:9 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.

Heb 8:10 For this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

Heb 8:11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

Heb 8:12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

Heb 8:13 In that he saith, A new *covenant*, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old *is* ready to vanish away.

V. The wonder of what you are

1Pe 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

1Pe 1:3 ...begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

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VI. The wonder of you knowing what you are

1Pe 1:10 Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace *that should come* unto you:

1Pe 1:11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

1Pe 1:12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

1Pe 1:20 ...but was manifest in these last times for you,

VII. Since you are what you are & know you are what you are—What should you do?

A. That ye should show forth praises unto him

1Pe 2:5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

B. Who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light

2Ti 1:8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord...but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

2Ti 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

2Ti 1:10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel: