

Identity in Christ: You Are Chosen by God

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1 Peter 2:9-12

9 But 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. 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. 11 Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. 12 Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

1. GOD CHOSE YOU

1 Peter 2:9

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God...

John 14:18

18 “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.”

You are chosen...

2. TO PRAISE HIM

1 Peter 2:9

9... that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

You are chosen...

3. TO RECEIVE MERCY

1 Peter 2:10

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4. TO BE HOLY & BRING GOD GLORY

1 Peter 2:11-12

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Ephesians 1:4

4 (God) chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.

Isaiah 61:1-3

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives... to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion--to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.