



Sermon Notes

1 Peter 2:9-10 "IDENTITY"

Who are we as a church? What is our purpose? These questions have never been more important to the church than now. In today's passage, Peter is going to clear these questions up for us, knowing that out of being comes doing. Our Identity gives direction.

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I. Our Identity: V. 9-10 (Is. 43:20-21; 61:6; Ex. 19:5-6; Deut. 7:6-7; Mal. 3:17-18 Hos. 1:6,9-10, 2:23)

A. a chosen race

- We all share the same blood line.

"We are literally, a distinct ethnic so changed by our encounter with Christ that we are more like one another, than like others in our own particular races and societies." - E Clowney

B. a royal priesthood

- we all have privilege and pedigree.

C. a holy nation

- We all are heirs of an incredible future.

D. a people for His own possession

- We all have hope

E. now are Gods people; now have received mercy

II. Our Direction:

that you may proclaim the excellencies **of him** who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

We are to live lives worth questioning and give answers worth hearing.

Growing Notes

- Pray together and then read 1 Peter 2:9-10.
- When you hear the word "church" what do you first think about?
- Peter gives the church several titles of honor that are used for Old Testament Israel. Go through each one and discuss what each mean for the church today.
- Which identity is the hardest for you to believe is for the church and why?
- Which identity has the biggest impact on the church and why?
- What are different identities that you or your family and friends associate yourselves with? In what way do the identities in this passage transcend all your other identities? How would community look if the identities Peter gives were the first identities?
- Share with the group someone that God has placed in your life, whom you wish to *proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light* to. Take a few minutes to Pray for them, and the church and to thank the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit for what they have done for the church.