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Identity Theft

Lesson Four • 1Peter 2:4-10 Conned by Career

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Beware of the lie: "I am what I DO."

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10 NIV

3. My Identity in Christ Comes with PRIVILEGES!

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, 1Peter 2:9a

My Privileges in Christ

- A <u>CHOSEN</u> generation
- A <u>ROYAL</u> priesthood
- A <u>HOLY</u> nation
- A SPECIAL people.

My Identity in Christ

1. My Identity in Christ Starts with <u>CHRIST</u> and Is also with His CHURCH!

Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 1Peter 2:4-5

God's Invitation

When you come to <u>JESUS</u>, God gives you a new and incredible identity in Christ and in His Church.

2. My Identity in Christ Creates a DISTINCTION!

Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious, and he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame." Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone," and "A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense." They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. 1Peter 2:6-8

The Distinction Christ Creates

- Christ is the <u>CORNERSTONE</u> for believers.
- Christ is the <u>STUMBLING STONE</u> for unbelievers.

4. My Identity in Christ Gives Me PURPOSE!

that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 1Peter 2:9b

My Purpose in Christ

To <u>PROCLAIM</u> the greatness and glories of God in Jesus Christ.

5. My Identity in Christ Is Fully SECURE!

who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy. 1Peter 2:10