



Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

Live Your Identity February 4th-6th, 2017

(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. If you weren't a believer, what would you say your "identity" would be?

What are some common things people use to form their identities today? Why are those things used so commonly for that purpose?

2. What's the problem with finding our identities solely in ourselves, or the things that we do? How much longevity can those identities promise us?

3. Look at the descriptions of our identity in Christ from vs. 9. For each phrase, what does that aspect of your identity in Christ make you feel about yourself?

A Chosen People---

A Royal Priesthood—

A Holy Nation—

A People Belonging to God--

4. According to this section of Scripture, our identity in Christ gives our lives purpose. What is that purpose?

What are the two ways, according to Peter, that we can carry out that purpose?

5. Why might people not think an identity as "aliens and strangers in the world" is a good thing? In reality, why is that description of us a beautiful reminder of our identity in Christ?

6. List some real life situations where you can let your light shine for Christ and stand out from the crowd. What might that "shining light" look like in those situations?

7. **Agree/Disagree:** "By shining our light for Christ, and living our identity in Christ, we're able to bring people to faith." Defend your answer.

8. **Evaluate:** "It is possible to lose our identity in Christ if we aren't careful."