

LOVE PROVES MY TRUE IDENTITY IN CHRIST

1 Peter 2:9-10

Series: "What's Love Got To Do With It"

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1 Peter 2:9-10-- "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. 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."

GOD'S VIEW OF ME: IN CHRIST...

- 1. I am completely _____.**
1 Pet. 2:9 (LB) "You have been CHOSEN by God himself!"
 - **BECAUSE God chose me before everything**
Eph. 1:4 "He chose us in him before the creation of the world, to be holy and blameless in his sight by his love."
 - **BECAUSE Jesus has made me acceptable**
Titus 3:7 (CEV) "Jesus treated us much better than we deserve. He made us acceptable to God and gave us the hope of eternal life."
- 2. I'm extremely _____.**
1 Peter 2:9 "You are a HOLY nation, a people BELONGING to God!"
Deut. 7:6 (NIV) "You are a people holy to the Lord your God... his treasured possession."
 - **BECAUSE God is my Father**
Luke 12:24 (NLT) "Look at the birds... God feeds them and you are far more valuable to Him than any birds!"
 - **BECAUSE Jesus gave his life for me**
1 Cor. 7:23 (LB) "You have been bought and paid for by Christ, so you belong to him..."
- 3. I'm eternally _____.**
1 Peter 2:10 "Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God."
Jeremiah 31:3 (NLT) "I have loved you, my people, with an everlasting love. With unfaithful love I have drawn you to myself."
 - **BECAUSE God's love is not based on you; it's based on him**
Psalm 100:5 (TEV) "God's love is eternal and his faithfulness lasts forever."
- 4. I am totally _____.**
1 Peter 2:10 (TEV) "At one time you did not know God's mercy, but now you have received his mercy."
Rom. 8:1 "There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."
 - **BECAUSE it's in God's nature to forgive**
Isa. 43:25 (TEV) "I am the God who forgives your sins, and I do this because of who I am. I will not hold your sins against you."
 - **BECAUSE Jesus paid for my sins**
Eph. 1:7 (TEV) "For by the blood of Christ we are set free, that is, our sins are forgiven. How great is the grace of God!"
- 5. I am fully _____.**
1 Peter 2:9 (NCV) "You are royal priests ... chosen to tell about the wonderful acts of God, who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."
2 Cor. 3:5-6 (TEV) "The capacity we have comes from God; it is he who made us capable of serving the new covenant..."
 - **BECAUSE Christ lives in me**
Phil. 4:13 "I can do everything through Christ who gives me strength."

How should my identity affect how I act?:

The thing God does with _____, he expects _____ to do with _____ else.
Rom. 15:7, 1 Pet. 2:17, Col. 3:12, Eph. 4:32, Heb. 13:6