

THE CHILDREN OF THE KING

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We are going to talk about the most critical issue that faces the people of God. IDENTITY. The Church has lost sight of who they really are and because of this, you can't even tell the difference between the people of God and the people of the world.

The same issues and the same curses plague the people of God that plague the people of the world. This is not how it should be! We have been called OUT of the darkness! We have been translated INTO the Kingdom of Light!

- We have been made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus!
- Instead of believing THIS truth, folks believe the LIE—'well, I'm just a sinner saved by grace'
- And because they continue to see themselves as a sinner, they keep doing what sinners do—sin!
- We've got to get a revelation on who we are in Christ so we can LIVE like He lives!

THIS IS WHO WE ARE:

Cepher - 1 Peter 2:9-10

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of Elohiym; which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

Aramaic Bible in Plain English - 1 Peter 2:9-10

But you are a chosen race who serve as Priests for The Kingdom, a holy people, a redeemed assembly; you should proclaim the praises of him who called you from darkness into his excellent light. You are those who at the first were not considered a people, but now are the people of God, neither were mercies upon you, but now mercies are poured out upon you.

Let's look closer at these four descriptions of who God says we are:

Chosen generation: the original Greek word used here and translated as 'chosen' is eklekos (ek-lek-tos')

- It means chosen [having been selected as the best or most appropriate];
- Elect [chosen or singled out]; choice [selected as ones favorite or the best]; select [carefully chosen as being the best and most suitable].
- Are you hearing this?
- Over and over again we are seen as 'the best' in our Father's eyes!
- The Greek word genos (ghen'-os) is translated as generation
- It means offspring, family, race, kind

Let's read it like this: But you have been selected as the best and most appropriate offspring; you have been singled out and carefully chosen as being the best, most suitable and yes, the favorite in the family!

- This is the way the Creator God sees you!
- This is what He says about you!
- Believe Him and begin to see yourself like this as well!
- You are a 'chosen generation'

You are a royal priesthood:

- The original Greek word translated here as royal is basileios (bas-il'-l-os) and it means courtiers [a person who attends a royal court as a companion or adviser to the king or queen], palaces, a body of kings, or royal [having the status of a king or queen or a member of their family].
- Priesthood comes from the Greek hierateuma (hee-er-at'-yoo-mah) which means the act of priesthood or the office of priesthood
- This speaks of our position in the family of God and the office or 'job' that we occupy.
- We are not 'common' people.
- We are a body of kings!

- We have been lifted out of the darkness of this world's system and live in the palaces of God's Kingdom!
- Our function and purpose is that of priest—intercession on behalf of the common people still trapped in the darkness of this world's system.

A holy nation; a peculiar people

- The original Greek word for holy is hagios (hag'-ee-os) and it means set apart; holy; sacred; likeness of nature with the LORD;
- DIFFERENT from the world because 'like' the LORD
- Nation is translated from the Greek word ethos (eth'-os) and means a race; people; the nations; heathen world; Gentiles
- People comes from the Greek word laos (lah-os') and means a people; God's chosen people—Jews
- Isn't this interesting—God includes both the Gentiles and the Jews!
- Do you see that within the meanings of the original words is hidden the mystery that the Apostle Paul talks about?
- This explains “You are those who at the first were not considered a people, but now are the people of God, neither were mercies upon you, but now mercies are poured out upon you.”
- At that time you were without the Messiah, excluded from the citizenship of Israel, and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world.
- But now there is one new man—ALL mankind reconciled back to God!
- Eis (ice) is the Greek word translated 'peculiar' here; it means 'motion into' which implies penetration—union to a particular purpose or result
- This is what Jesus meant when He said, “At that day, you will know that I am in my Father and you are in me and I am in you.”
- Unified to what purpose? To operate in the Kingdom as Kings and Priests!

Therefore if any man is in Christ, *he is* a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

- You are a brand new creature!
- Your thoughts, your feelings, your motives, your words, your actions—everything—from the days before you made the decision to follow Jesus should no longer be evident in your life today!
- The old things have passed away.

“I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself up for me.”

- New things have come!
- New thoughts, new feelings, new motives, new words, new actions—everything—from the day you committed your life to Jesus should be different from the way you lived before.
- People from your past should not recognize the person you are now.
- The love of God is a transforming love.
- Remember that ‘love’ is not a feeling, but actions—OBEDIENCE TO HIS WAYS!

We must renew our minds to these truths; we must come into agreement with Father and see ourselves as who He has made us to be.

- We are not the same person.
- We are valued for who we are, not what we do.
- We are accepted in the Beloved!
- There is no rejection for us—don’t give people power over you to see yourself as less than your Father has said you are.
- When we live in this place of total acceptance by our Father, there is no fear!
- There is no fear to open your life to those who are unlovely.
- There is no fear to open your life to those who are mean.
- This is the place where you can pray for those who use and abuse you.

- This is the place where you can turn the other cheek and not seek vengeance.
- This is the place where you can give and expect nothing in return.
- In His love there is no fear, because His love is perfect and perfect love casts out fear!
- This is the place where you can live in total, instant obedience!
- When this happens, Jesus will be seen in your world!

I encourage everyone to begin to live in your Bible! Renew your mind with the Word that tells you how Father sees you—who you really are—this new creature in Christ!