

THE IMPORTANCE OF WHO YOU ARE AND WHOSE YOU ARE

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Knowing who you are and what your heritage is, is the foundation of stability in your life. With this knowledge you will be able to withstand any assault from the enemy.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if anyone is in Messiah [that is, grafted in, joined to Him by faith in Him as Savior], he is a new creature [reborn and renewed by the Holy Spirit]; the old things [the previous moral and spiritual condition] have passed away. Behold, new things have come [because spiritual awakening brings new life].

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Messiah; it is no longer I who live, but Messiah lives in me and the life that I now live in this body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

- When we enter covenant with Yehovah, we become a totally new creature.
- The old person; the old ways of thinking and acting have passed away—they are gone; no longer here.
- New things have come!
- New ways of thinking and acting have come to take the place of the old that is no longer here!
- This should be the first Scripture a new believer learns!
- YOU ARE NOT THE SAME PERSON YOU WERE!
- YOU ARE NOT A POOR OLD SINNER SAVED BY GRACE!!!
- NO! You are a NEW CREATURE! With NEW ways!
- You make a conscious choice to change your thought process and change the way you act.
- You crucify your flesh and choose to follow the Spirit's leading.
- Messiah lives His life in you through the promptings of Holy Spirit.

- Every time you obey the unction of Holy Spirit, Messiah is living His life in you!
- Because that's how He lived when He walked this Earth.

1 Peter 2:9 - (Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC))

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a dedicated nation, [God's] own ^[a]purchased (peculiar), special people, *that you may set forth the wonderful deeds and display the virtues and perfections of Him Who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.*

Let's dig deeper into the meanings of these words that are used to describe this new creature that we have become:

- **Chosen race:** Means that you have been selected as the best or most appropriate; you've been appointed and favored, yes—*hand-picked* by the Creator of the universe!
- You, as a believer are identified as *distinct* from other groups because of shared genetic traits—you now have the DNA of God!
- **Royal priesthood:** Means relating to a monarch; of the rank of a monarch; authorized by a monarch; relating to or in the service of a Kingdom; superior, as in size or quality—you are bigger than you realize! There's more to you than meets the eye!
- The believer is a person that is ordained to act as a mediator between the Creator and mankind—serving, teaching, blessing and guiding.
- **Dedicated nation:** Means a body of people, associated with a particular territory that is sufficiently conscious of its unity to seek or to possess a government peculiarly its own that is wholly committed to a particular course of thought or action; devoted and designed for a particular use or function.
- We are known as the Saints of the Most High God.
- We inhabit the Kingdom of God that was established on planet Earth at the time of creation.

- We, as Saints, understand our purpose is to enforce the victory that Jesus won at Calvary; being fully committed to bringing the light of the Gospel into the places on Earth that are still in darkness.
- When the Light comes into an area, the darkness is gone and the Kingdom of God takes back its legal rule.
- **Purchased:** means to obtain goods, etc. by payment; to obtain by effort, sacrifice, etc.—to purchase one’s freedom.
- **Peculiar:** means not ordinary or usual; odd or strange; belonging distinctively or primarily to one person, group, or kind; special or unique; belonging exclusively to.
- The believer was purchased by God with the blood of Jesus which He exerted much effort and sacrifice to get, for the sole purpose of purchasing our freedom.
- I love the word peculiar!
- You are not ordinary!
- You are really odd or strange.
- Why? Because you belong to God! Exclusively!
- You are not your own. Your life is not yours anymore once you give it to Jesus.
- Your thoughts are different.
- Your actions are different.
- When others hate you—you love them.
- When others spitefully use you—you do good to them and pray for them.
- When others steal from you—you give it to them and give them more.
- When others hurt you—you forgive them.
- When you are in need—you give away what you have in order to bless others.
- That’s odd behavior in the world’s eyes. Yes, very strange! Peculiar!
- **Special people:** means that you surpass what is common or usual; you are exceptional!
- You are distinct among others of a kind; you are primary; you are peculiar to a specific Person—kind of like ‘that’s Daddy’s chair’—‘that

one belongs to Abba and is regarded with particular affection and admiration!’

This is WHO you are in Messiah.

- This should dictate how you see yourself.
- This should be the image you see when you look in the mirror.
- This needs to be the filter through which you perceive your value—to God; to yourself and to others, be it family, friends, co-workers, strangers, whoever...
- This is how you answer the Accuser.

Now let’s look closer at ‘of Him’...

- **Him:** the one bringing into being
- life-giver;
- giver of existence,
- creator,
- he who brings to pass ,
- performer of his promises,
- he who causes to fall-rain or lightning;
- destroying foes,
- the one who is: the absolute and unchangeable one,
- the existing, ever living, as self-consistent and unchangeable,
- or the one ever coming into manifestation as the God of redemption,
- he will be it: all that his servants look for;
- he will approve himself (give evidence of being, assert his being).

This is WHOSE you are. This is WHO you belong to! This should dictate how you respond to people.

- This should dictate how you respond to circumstances.
- This should dictate how you respond to trials and troubles that will come upon you while in this present world system.
- GOD is for you!
- You belong to Him!
- You are His peculiar, special, extra-ordinary possession!
- Purchased at great price!

- There's a very high value that has been placed upon your life!~

You could read it like this:

You have been hand-picked and selected as the best, most appropriate and favored by the One Who brings into existence, to be identified as distinct from other groups because of the genetic traits that you share with the Creator. You are now elevated to the rank of a monarch and as such are authorized to serve in the Kingdom of GOD; ordained as a mediator between the Existing Ever Living One and mankind. It is your responsibility to serve them, teach and guide them and administer the covenant blessings to them. You are united to the body of Messiah. Wholly committed and devoted to bringing the Light of the Gospel to this present darkness by enforcing the victory that Messiah won at Calvary. For you understand that our lives do not belong to us, but they have been purchased at a very great cost by the blood of Jesus. You understand that you are not an ordinary being. You are the exclusive possession of the One Who Is—the Absolute and Unchangeable One. You are exceptional. You surpass what is common and usual. You are one that belongs to the Performer of His Promises. You are regarded with particular affection and admiration by the One Who Brings to Pass. Why? So that you may show forth His wonderful deeds and display the virtues and perfections of the One Ever Coming Into Manifestation as the God of Redemption, because He called you out of darkness and into His marvelous Light!
