

“Proclaiming Christ Together”

1 Peter 2: 9-10

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Intro

We have a God given identity and destiny to proclaim Christ together.

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.”

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1) Our Identity

We need to understand who we are so that we can then be who we are.

- A Chosen Race

“Election is an act of God before creation in which he chooses some people to be saved, not on account of any foreseen merit in them, but only because of his sovereign good pleasure.” Wayne Grudem

- Royal Priesthood
- Holy Nation
- People for His own possession

“I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.” 2 Cor 6:16

Find your identity in Christ leads to application:

2) Our Destiny

“Christian selfhood is not defined in terms of who we are in and of ourselves. It's defined in terms of what God does to us and the relationship he creates with us and the destiny he appoints for us. In other words, as a Christian, you cannot talk about your identity without talking about the action of God on you, the relationship of God with you, and the purpose of God for you. The biblical understanding of human self-identity is radically God-centered.” John Piper

“God made us who we are so that we might proclaim the excellency of his freedom in choosing us. The excellency of his grace in pitying us. The excellencies of his authority and power in possessing us. The excellencies of his worth and purity in making us holy. In other words, he has given us our identity in order that his identity might be proclaimed through us. God made us who we are so we could make known who he is. Our identity is for the sake of making known his identity. The meaning of our identity is that the excellency of God be seen in us.”

John Piper

“We declare before the nations the works and the name of the Lord. Our praises to God bear witness to the world. The heart of evangelism is doxological. Our Hallelujah indeed joins the anthems of the heavenly host but here on earth they are heard by our neighbors. Peter is linking the witness of our lives to the witness of our lips as we offer praise to God. We are to proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”

Ed Clowney

Our glorious identity is Christ and our destiny is to proclaim Christ together!