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## **Introduction**

In the Bible we read about the new identity God has given his people. It is important that our identity is given to us by God because it brings us closer to the Lord and enables us to withstand opposition by those people who walk with Satan. Christians stand strong in Christ with a heart of love and we let no one destroy God's love in our hearts. We have lost our angry defensive attitude because we know we belong to Christ and he is always with us. We know that if anyone challenges our identity it is meaningless to us because our identity comes from God and cannot be destroyed.

If our identity comes from the world it's usually based on our education, title of our trade, the money we make, possessions we have, or the power we have. All these things can easily be based on pride. The identity that comes from God is not based on worldly achievements, but it's a personal identity based on who we are, our Christ-like character. Our identity reflects our

Godly character causing us to be humble and secure in Christ. Our Godly identity becomes noticeable to the world as we are continually being molded to be Christ-like.

## **Chosen People**

### **God's Special Possession**

*But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (2 Peter 2:9)* Those who accept Christ as their Lord and Savior become chosen people, royal priesthood, a holy nation, and God's special possession. When we accept Christ as our Savior we become God's chosen people and we receive the indwelling Holy Spirit. It's important to know in our hearts that we are God's special possession and we have a divine Father. *Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."* (Matthew 19:26) Knowing we are God's special possession and all things are possible for God, how can we not trust him?

*The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing. (Zephaniah 3:17)* Most important is the love and care God has for each person that accepts Christ, and he carries us through life into our eternal home.

### **A Royal Priesthood**

*If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. (John 14:15-17)* We are a royal priesthood because our physical body is the temple for Christ, the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is the seal that shows we belong to God. *In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory. (Ephesians*

1:13-14) Our identity is sealed for eternity by the Holy Spirit.

## **A Holy Nation**

*But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”* (1 Peter 1:15-16) Holiness is an important point in living with our God given identity. We do not conform to the pattern of the world but conform to the ways of God. Holiness means to be separate like God is separate and referred to as Holy, Holy, Holy, because he is the creator and no one is like God. Since God is Holy we are called to be Holy just as Jesus was Holy, and we are to conform to the pattern of God’s Son. Being Holy is to be Christ-like in all situations.

## **Family of God**

*For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit himself testifies*

*with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.*(Romans 8:14-17) When we accept Christ and receive the Holy Spirit; we become children of God, and we are in God's eternal family.

*But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.* (John 1:12-13) When we receive the Holy Spirit and become children of God, we are born of God and we become the person we were created to be, Christ-like. *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!* (2 Corinthians 5:17) We are born again and people will see our new identity because when they see us, they see someone with the heart of Jesus.

The importance of knowing we are in the family of God can be very powerful. The family of God is eternal which gives us security in our eternal



life. Living in the family of God there are certain things that are forbidden, things that are not pleasing to God, sin. Children of God hate sin and fight sin through the power of Christ. We let every temptation become a trigger that drives us to Christ to escape and walk in victory. Our new identity is shown by the divine power we have to overcome sin. We all have a sinful nature as long as we live in this fallen world, but we have Godly sorrow when we fall short and we ask for forgiveness and the power to overcome.

## **Conclusion**

Know the importance of your God given identity and be mindful to reflect the image of God to the world. Do not let your emotions drive your flesh to reflect the ways of the world. Remember a Christian is always filled with God's love, and love gives us self-control. Below is a list defining our new identity. The more we live our God given identity the more know who we are in Christ.

- I am a chosen person because I accepted Christ

- I am a royal priesthood because the spirit of Christ lives in me.
- I am a Holy person just as God is Holy
- I am born of God, a new creation in Christ
- I am God's special possession because I accepted his Son.
- I was called out of darkness and into the Light.
- I am in the family of God.
- I am a child of God
- I am a Spiritual warrior
- Heaven is my home

Live your life for Christ as the person you were created to be, the image of God. Let the world see Jesus when they see you.



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