

Notes:

My True Identity

I Peter 2:9-10

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...for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for He called you out of the darkness into His wonderful light. ¹⁰ "Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God's people. Once you received no mercy; now you have received God's mercy." I Peter 2:9-10 (NLT)

OBSERVATIONS:

A _____ Believed Will Affect You As If It Were _____.

When he (the devil) lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. John 8:44b (NIV)

There also we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak are part of the Nephilim); and we became like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight. Numbers 13:33 (NAS)

...Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really My disciples. ³²Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31b-32 (NIV)

Before God Asks Us To _____ Anything Significant, He First Our _____.

...for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. I Peter 1:9-10 (NLT)

Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. Genesis 2:7 (NAS)

Note: It is not what man was made out of (dust) that gave him significance, but WHO made Him.

Embracing my identity in Christ is the basis of significance in life; it determines my purpose and defines my personal view of myself.

The Truth: God _____ Me.

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. ⁴Even before He made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in His eyes. Ephesians 1:3-4 (NLT)

The Lie: I Don't _____.

The Truth: I Have A _____ With God.

God decided in advance to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ. This is what He wanted to do, and it gave Him great pleasure. ⁶So we praise God for the glorious grace He has poured out on us who belong to His dear Son. He is so rich in kindness and grace that He purchased our freedom with the blood of His Son and forgave our sins. ⁸He has showered His kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding. Ephesians 1:5-8 (NLT)

The Lie: I Have To _____ God's _____.

The Truth: I Am _____ For God's Purpose.

God's purpose was that we Jews who were the first to trust in Christ would bring praise and glory to God. ¹³And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, He identified you as His own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom He promised long ago. Ephesians 1:12-13 (NLT)

The Lie: My _____ Me.

The Truth: I Am _____ In _____.

The Spirit is God's guarantee that He will give us the inheritance He promised and that He has purchased us to be His own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify Him. Ephesians 1:14 (NLT)

The Lie: I Can't _____ Where I Will Spend _____.

It Matters How I View Myself Because...

1. My Identity _____ My _____.

Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

I Peter 1:13 (NAS)

2. My Identity _____ My _____.

Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. ¹²Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day He visits us. I Peter 2:11-12 (NIV)

As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, ¹⁵but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; ¹⁶because it is written, "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY." ²²Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart. I Peter 1:14-16; 22 (NAS)

3. Embracing My Identity In _____ Brings _____ To God.

But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. I Peter 2:9 (NAS)

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. ¹⁰And the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. I Peter 5:8-10 (NIV)

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