

Who am I in Christ #10: God's special possession  
1 Peter 2:9-12

**Objectives:** We want to understand our incredible standing as followers of Jesus. We want to see our incredible standing as God's special possession. We also want to understand that this is not our home, and therefore there will be a certain amount of frustration until we get home.

### Launch

If there was a fire and you could only save one of your possessions, what would you take? Why would you choose what you did?

### Explore

In the larger context of chapter 2 Peter is contrasting those who do not believe in Christ with those who do. Verses 9-12 describe those who believe in Christ and follow Him.

**Read 1 Peter 2:9-12**

- **What are phrases that Peter uses to describe those who follow Christ?** (chosen race, royal priesthood, holy nation, God's special possession, sojourners and exiles).
- **Which one of these phrases means the most to you? Why?**
- **Peter writes to people of various ethnicities and nationalities, yet he says they are a chosen race and a holy nation. What do you think he is trying to say?**
- **What was the role of a priest when Peter wrote this letter?** (a priest was someone who was given a special role from God to represent God to people and represent the people to God.)
- **In verse 9 Peter uses the verb "are." How would this passage be different if he used a verb like "should be?"**
- **Why is it so important to know who we "are" in Christ? In other words, why is it so important for us to know that we are a royal priesthood? Why is it so important to know that we are God's special possession?**
- **Verse 10 says "once you were not a people, but now you are God's people". In your own words, how does a person become God's people? Or how does a person receive God's mercy.**

### Apply

**In this passage, Peter makes several connections between "who we are" and how we should live.**

- **What are some of the ways we should live in light of who we are?** (proclaim who God is to the world (9), not sin (11), live honorable and God like lives in front of non believers).
- **As Creator, God owns everything, yet of all the things he owns he considers you his treasured possession. Practically, how would your life be different if you truly believed it?**
- **Peter says we are something treasured and something special like a priest. He also says we are aliens and sojourners (11). What does that mean? Why do you think Christians need to be reminded that this is not their home?**
- **In this passage we are called to interact with people who do not follow Christ in a few very specific ways. We are to proclaim God's goodness, we are to abstain from sin and we are to live honorable lives. As a college student at MSU, what is one practical way you will live these commands out this week?**

### Prayer

**End with thanksgiving for God's mercy in our lives and the privilege to be his special possession.**

**Pray for strength that we could live in honorable ways on our campus.**

**Pray for the boldness and opportunity to proclaim God's goodness on our campus.**