

Identity Of God's People

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We, The People Of God – Pt. 1

We Are THE PEOPLE OF GOD:

1 Peter 2:9, *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. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

Deuteronomy 7:6, *For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be His people, His treasured possession.*

- We Are CHOSEN

1 Peter 2:9a, *But you are a chosen people...*

1 Peter 1:1, *Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, 2 who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with His blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.*

- We Are REPRESENTATIVES

1 Peter 2:9b, *But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood...*

1 Peter 2:4, *As you come to Him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to Him— 5 you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

- We Are DIFFERENT

1 Peter 2:9c, *But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation...*

1 Peter 1:15, *But just as He Who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; 16 for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."*

• We Are VALUABLE

1 Peter 2:9d, *But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession...*

1 Peter 1:18, *For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.*

Our IDENTITY Should Drive Our ALLEGIANCE

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Our ALLEGIANCE Should Drive Our HOPE

1 Peter 2:10, *Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

Hosea 1:6, *Gomer conceived again and gave birth to a daughter. Then the Lord said to Hosea, "Call her Lo-Ruhamah (which means "not loved"), for I will no longer show love to Israel, that I should at all forgive them. 7 Yet I will show love to Judah; and I will save them—not by bow, sword or battle, or by horses and horsemen, but I, the Lord their God, will save them." 8 After she had weaned Lo-Ruhamah, Gomer had another son. 9 Then the Lord said, "Call him Lo-Ammi (which means "not My people"), for you are not My people, and I am not your God. 10 "Yet the Israelites will be like the sand on the seashore, which cannot be measured or counted. In the place where it was said to them, 'You are not My people,' they will be called 'children of the living God.'*

In This Political Season: WHO HAS YOUR ALLEGIANCE?