

STAND

Pastor Bill Bowers | July 8, 2018

New Identity

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:4-10 (NLT)

What God says about you...

1. You are **acceptable**.
 - You are chosen by God. (v. 9)
 - Romans 15:7, Psalm 27:10

2. You are **valuable**.
 - You are God's very own possession. (v. 9)
 - 1 Corinthians 7:23, 1 Peter 2:4-5

3. You are **capable**.
 - You are a royal priest. (v. 9)
 - 2 Timothy 1:9, 1 Corinthians 12:5,7,27

4. You are **forgivable**.
 - You have received God's mercy. (v. 10)
 - Ephesians 1:4 (TLB), Isaiah 54:10

HOMEGROUP & PERSONAL STUDY QUESTIONS

Teaching Text: 1 Peter 2:4-10

1. In our reading of 1 Peter 2:5, we are introduced to interesting imagery; “You are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What’s more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God. If you were to translate this into “everyday language,” what does it mean? How are you a living stone? What spiritual sacrifices are you offering that please God?
2. Peter calls to us, referring to believers as “a chosen people” (1Peter 2:9), even using the term “royal priests.” Do you recognized yourself as chosen by God? How do you relate to the ides of being a royal priest in the present kingdom of God? What does this status/role look like to you? Do you feel capable? Why/why not?
3. Continuing the imagery found in 1 Peter 2:9, we hear the words, “You are God’s own possession.” Pastor Bill, shared the idea of our great value to God as His personal possession. Do you recognize your value to God? How would you describe your value or worth to God? Please share your thoughts.
4. One of the main points in our teaching was the reminder that we are “forgivable;” you have received God’s mercy (1 Peter 2:10). Would you think this forgiveness and mercy is conditional? Please explain your answer.
5. Our teaching today is the third installment of our 1 Peter series. What is the single-most idea or point that has impacted you thus far? Is this idea compelling to you respond in any particular way? Who will you share this response with?
6. If you have missed any of the teachings in this series, all the recorded services are online at www.mountainviewlife.org or available through the MVCNlife app (text MVCNAPP to 77977 to download the MVCNlife smartphone app)