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"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." (1 Peter 2:9-10, NIV)

How God Sees His Disciples

Have you ever wondered how God sees you as His growing disciple? Perhaps interactions with others have shaped how you believe you're viewed. But in His Word, God tells us exactly how loved and cherished we are. Today's passage describes just four of the many ways God sees us:

1. A CHOSEN PEOPLE. God in His love and mercy hath chosen you and me to be part of His kingdom and family because He wants and loves us.
2. A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD. As believers, we are children of God and part of a royal family. We are "fellow heirs with Jesus Christ" (Romans 8:17).
3. A HOLY NATION. The church, or body of Christ, is a group of people who are holy---which means "set apart" for the Lord and His sacred purposes.
4. A PEOPLE FOR GOD'S OWN POSSESSION. You and I are precious possessions of God; we belong to Him (Deuteronomy 14:2; Titus 2:14).

Each of these descriptions shows how the Lord our God highly values His disciples. As a follower of Jesus Christ, make it a point to remember your real identity and to be always mindful that you are cherished and favoured.

