



SD#100 - Finding Perspective - Examining Who We Are In Christ

I Peter 2:9 (ESV)

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”

Reflection Questions:

- 1) Are you often tempted to “drink the Kool-aid” of the current culture?
- 2) Do you ever struggle with your purpose on this earth?
- 3) How do you define “identity?”



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Extended Devotion:

If you're a parent, you can probably relate to the daily struggles of training children. Perhaps you can even look back in time and recall some areas you struggled with as a child. Even now, as my children grow older, we always remind them of their identity when they leave the house. "Remember who you are," we gently remind. This isn't simply a reminder of who they are as part of our family, but also of God's family. When they leave our house each day, their actions represent Christ. This small statement causes reflection and brings focus to their actions.

Who we are in Christ ought to shape our perspective. If we believe in Him and are living by faith, our lives should reflect that. In a world of chaos and confusion, it's difficult to live a life that reflects this truth. But it is not impossible. With the Holy Spirit's guidance, we can allow Him to shape our perspective from a state of darkness into God's light. When we are tempted to "drink from the Kool-aid" that many others entice us with, we can remember who we are. We are God's chosen people, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. No longer do we sit in darkness, but we walk in the light.

Do you ever feel worried or depressed by your present circumstances? Perhaps you have even felt hopelessness surround you as a crushing wave. Friend, **God's definition of us is so much bigger than fitting in a box that man built.** Sometimes we allow our finite minds to accept our limitations as fallen human beings. However, the Gospel has no limitations. As Christians, we can claim the strongest power to shape our perspective and live as He sees us, conformed to His image.

Paul encourages us to live according to who we are in Christ. We are chosen by God to proclaim Him right where we are and beyond. As believers, we run to that truth and embrace it. Even if it seems the world is falling apart, we stand firm upon who we are in Christ. This perspective keeps our feet on the Solid Rock so we can keep shining in the darkness.

Philippians 2:5 (NIV) says, "*In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.*" As we seek to shape our perspective and help those around us do the same, may we remember who we are in Christ, and live life abundantly.

Application:

1. If you have your journal, write out II Corinthians 5:17. When you struggle with your purpose, look back and remember who you are in Christ.



2. The world today offers numerous perspectives, but we know who holds the truth. When you're tempted with that enticing "Kool-aid," pause and pray. Ask the Lord to remind you who you are.

Takeaway:

Remembering our identity in Christ shapes our perspective and helps us live abundantly for our good and His glory.

