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Identity Amnesia: 1 Peter 2:9-10



One of the greatest threats we face as Christians is not an outside threat, but an internal one, and we'll call it identity amnesia. We forget who and whose we are. If we are not getting our identity vertically, from God, we will search for it horizontally, from others. And we can have identity replacement. We can easily make so many things, good things, our identity- our careers, education, family, sports, ministries, etc.

Peter is writing to the church that is going through hard times because they are being ostracized by society for their Christian faith.

{Peter is also writing to Christians so if you are reading this and don't know Christ and have questions, please contact our church staff to help you with any questions.}

God is abundantly merciful. This is one of the themes we can see throughout this passage. God chose us. He redeemed us. He saved us. He has given us an inheritance. And NONE of these blessings are deserved. Everything God has given to us, He has given to us because of His kindness. How should God's mercy affect us? This should be incentive for us to love God and to extend mercy to others as God has to us.

Is there anyone whom you are struggling to extend mercy to? What do you need to do in order to show the same mercy to him that you have received from the Lord?

In your own words, what is "identity"?

What are some of the "false" identities that people around you cling to?

Why is it important to know what your identity is?

What is dangerous about finding your identity in something that can change or be taken away?

1 Peter 2:9-10 touches on a few of the ways the Bible describes our identity. Can you think of anymore?

In what way were you in darkness before you became a believer? Be specific.

How does your past compare with your present condition? (2:10)

Final Thoughts This Week on this Passage:

The danger is in forgetting our purpose. In our own hearts we forget who we are and whose we are. Do these truths from 1 Peter live in your heart?

What is God inviting you into through this passage? What do you feel like God has been saying to you through this scripture and this week's message?

Notes and Reflections: