



Lesson #7: Discovering Your New Identity (1 Peter 2:4-10)

Everyone loves a rags to riches story but every believer has one that far surpasses all the rest. **Every believer enjoys a _____ altering rags to riches story.** You see, Peter says that “*God ... according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us*” (1:3).

Literally, God has caused us to be _____. Peter says in 1:21, “*Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever*” It is a rags to riches story beyond compare.

As part of our rags to riches story, those who have been born again have received unimaginable _____. In 1 Peter 2:4-10 the Spirit of God is sharing with us those incomparable joys that have been given to the child of God that we might find hope between two worlds.

YOU HAVE BEEN BROUGHT INTO A NEW _____

Every believer is part of a _____ (2:4-5). Peter is enlarging upon a metaphor that would have been well-known to the Jews first reading his letter. Peter is saying that we are part of this special building project in which Jesus Christ is the chief cornerstone.

A. **Every brick added is there for a _____**

The ramifications of what we are finding in this text are profound and staggering. Since you are being added to this “*spiritual house*” (2:5) that God is establishing we must then assume that at _____ every brick being added by the master builder is added for a purpose. Each brick has a place. There is none _____.

B. **Every brick added is there _____**

It is because each brick serves a purpose that it can never be _____. The cement of the Spirit confidently puts us together into this living temple that no one can break apart. The glorious temple that Herod had built would be done away with, but this temple will never go away. I can’t believe in a living temple built by a divine craftsman without also declaring _____.

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Every believer is a priest unto God (2:5).

A. **You have _____ access to God**

Peter is writing to those who came out of the formality of ritual worship. They had grown up going to Jerusalem for sacrifices. But now they are a “*holy priesthood*” (2:5). Every believer today is a priest of God and may enter into his present _____.

B. **You ought to offer _____ offerings to God**

To the Old Testament priest there was the labor of washing. There were specific robes and vestments that had to be worn. There was the necessity of consecration. There was the blood of animal sacrifices that had to be spilled. All of this was taken ever so seriously. No priest would dare enter into God’s presence without first _____ and _____ himself. How about New Testament priests? Verse 5 tells us that we must offer sacrifices that are “_____ to God by Jesus Christ.”

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To those who submit to God, Peter says that they are “*now the _____ of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy*” (2:10).

A. **You are a _____ people**

Peter weaves together Exodus 19, Deuteronomy 7, and Hosea 1 as he compresses them all into verses 9 & 10 to help us understand that we are a transformed people of God. You are something _____ now. You didn’t used to be like this but now “*you have obtained mercy.*”

B. **You are a _____ people**

Once called into this glorious new people group God wants us to _____ about it. That’s why Peter commands us to “*show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness and into his marvelous light*” (2:9). When the church gathers together they are given a commission. We are called of God to show forth his praises.

Concluding Thoughts

... If you have ever wondered about your _____ in this world.

... If you have ever wondered about your _____ in this world.

... If you have ever wondered about discerning God’s _____ for your life.

Our text this morning is for you! The text we turned to this morning is a very powerful text that helps us discover our new identity in Christ. My desire is that the Spirit of God would give you clarity as we have reviewed the _____ that we have been given.

While many may struggle to live according to the glorious privileges Peter outlines in this text, let us be reminded today that every believer enjoys a life altering rags to riches story.