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### What this message is about

Peter reminds his readers who they are and the expected results of their identity.



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### Purpose of this message

To encourage us to see ourselves as God now sees us in Christ, and from this new identity to fulfill our purpose.

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### 1. We are now God's children



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### 1Peter 1:13-16

*Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*

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### 1Peter 1:13-16

*<sup>14</sup> As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance,*



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**1Peter 1:13-16**

***15 but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”***

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**Rom. 8:14-17**

***For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”***

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**Rom. 8:14-17**

***16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.***

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**2. We are God's people: chosen, royal, and holy.**

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**1Peter 2:9a**

***9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession,***

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**1Peter 2:10**

***Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.***

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### **3. We are proclaimers of God's worth in this world.**

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#### **1Peter 2:9b**

*... That you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.*

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#### **Next Step**

- A challenge: Begin every day this week by reminding yourself that you are a child of God, one of his people, and his representative to your world.

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#### **Next Step**

- A question: Where, specifically as His child, does God want you to represent Him this week? How will that fact alter your attitude and conduct?

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