

Series: 1 Peter – Keep the Faith in Tough Times – Pt. 4 of 12
Scripture: 1 Peter 2:4-10
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REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE!

When I'm struggling in my faith and things are tough I need to remember these four things....

1. I AM _____!
1 Peter 2:9 "But you are a chosen people..."

You may have _____ Jesus into your life, but have you ever realized that Jesus has _____ you?

Romans 15:7 Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

Psalms 27:10 Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me.

2. I AM _____!
1 Peter 2:9 "You are a people belonging to God..."

There are two things that determine the value of something:

1. What somebody is willing to _____ for it.
2. Who has _____ it in the past.

1 Cor. 7:23 You have been bought and paid for by Christ, so you belong to him....

1 Peter 2:4-5 As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house...

Ephesians 1:13-14 (KJV) In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth...in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

3. I AM _____ AND HAVE A _____!
1 Peter 2:9 "You are a royal priesthood..."

In the Old Testament, priests did two things:

1. They had the privilege to go _____ to God.
2. The priest had the purpose of representing God to the people and _____ the needs of other people.

When you become a believer...

1. You have a right now to go _____ to God!

2. You are to _____ to people on behalf of God!

2 Tim. 1:9 (LB) He saved us and chose us for his holy work, not because we deserved it but because that was his plan long before the world began...

1 Cor. 12:5, 7, 27 (LB) There are different kinds of service to God. The Holy Spirit displays God's power through each of us as a means of helping the entire church. All of you together are the one body of Christ, and each one of you is a separate and necessary part.

4. I AM _____!

1 Peter 2:10 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.

Isaiah 43:25 I am the God who forgives your sins, and I do this because of Who I am. I will not hold your sins against you.

Eph. 1:4 (LB) ...Through what Christ would do for us, God decided to make us holy in his eyes without a single fault -- we stand before Him covered with His love.

Isa. 54:10 (GN) The mountains and hills may crumble, but my love for you will never end; so says the Lord who loves you.