



## **Remember Who and Whose You Are**

### **1 Peter 2:1-12**

*As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 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 (1 Peter 2:4-5, 10 —ESV).*

Those of this world who prefer to live in darkness will reject Jesus and those who trust and obey Him. Those who disobey the Word of God will stumble, and those who choose to walk in the darkness of this world will fall and try to mislead others into dangerous paths. Therefore, as followers of Jesus, we need to remember what the Bible says about us and who we are as children of God. We are God's people, and we have gratefully received God's mercy. Jesus offered us mercy, forgiveness, cleansing from sin, and eternal life, and we received Jesus and His offer, unlike those who prefer to walk in darkness. Let us remember that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and have been given eternal life. We are now God's people and that means we are a chosen race, which has nothing to do with how we are physically. Just as Jesus is chosen and precious in God's sight, so are we who follow Jesus. Because Jesus is Lord of all, King of kings, and our High Priest forever, we are a royal priesthood in His service and a holy nation (or Kingdom) unlike the nations and kingdoms of this world. When followers of Jesus gather, they are like living stones who make the living, spiritual House of God. We come together to do good deeds, live honorably, and glorify God. Some will see the difference Christ makes in His followers and choose to live in Christ's marvelous light too. As a spiritual building, we individually and together proclaim the excellencies of God in Jesus Christ. Through us, Christ may call out of this world's darkness those who will live in His marvelous light. By sharing the truth of Jesus Christ and the Bible, even if some reject us as Christ was rejected, others may receive the gift of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.