

Breaking Through What God Says About You

I. Introduction

A. Your beliefs about yourself determine your behavior.

1. I Peter 2:9-10 (NAS) ⁹*But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;* ¹⁰*for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY.*

II. What God Says About You

A. I am accepted.

1. Our acceptance by God is not based on our "performance"!
2. Romans 15:7 (NAS) *Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God.*

B. I am valuable.

1. I Corinthians 6:19-20a (NAS) ¹⁹*Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?* ²⁰*For you have been bought with a price.*
2. I Peter 2:4-5 (NLT) ⁴*Come to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God's temple. He was rejected by the people, but he is precious to God who chose him.* ⁵*And now God is building you, as living stones, into his spiritual temple. What's more, you are God's holy priests, who offer the spiritual sacrifices that please him because of Jesus Christ.*

C. I am capable to handle whatever happens in life.

1. I Peter 2:9a (NAS) *But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD.*
2. In the Old Testament, priests did two things:
 - a. They had the right, privilege, and responsibility to go directly to God.
 - b. They had the privilege and responsibility of representing God to the people, and ministering to the needs of the people.
3. You have direct access to God!
4. You have been gifted for ministry to serve other people!
5. Ephesians 2:10 (NAS) *For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.*

D. I am forgiven.

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2. Mercy - - Not getting what we do deserve (wrath), but getting what we don't deserve (blessing)!
3. God uses problems oftentimes to perfect us! But, it's never to punish us!
4. Isaiah 43:25 (NAS) *"I, even I, am the one who wipes out your transgressions for My own sake, and I will not remember your sins."*

III. Conclusion