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Hope in Exile

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IDENTITY CRISIS

1 Peter 2:9-10

Big Idea: *God longs for His Church to realize its true identity and purpose in Christ.*

1. God has established the Church's _____ .

^{9a} **"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession."**

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."

Deuteronomy 7:6-8 "For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.⁷ The Lord did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples,⁸ but because the Lord loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers, the Lord brought you out by a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt."

Revelation 5:9-10 "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

Exodus 19:6 "And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel."

1 Peter 1:18-19 "Knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers,¹⁹ but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, *the blood* of Christ."

2. God has established the Church's _____ .

^{9b} **"That you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."**

Isaiah 43:21 "The people whom I formed for Myself will declare My praise."

Psalms 96:3-4 "Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples. ⁴For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods."

1 John 1:5 "This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all."

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