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REMEMBERING WE ARE HIS

"The Christian life is not just our own private affair. If we have been born again into God's family, not only has he become our Father but every other Christian believer in the world, whatever his nation or denomination, has become our brother or sister in Christ." (John Stott)

1. We are God's family members who are satisfied in Him.

Like newborn infants, desire the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow up into your salvation, if you have tasted that the Lord is good. (1 Peter 2:2-3)

"Corporate worship is not a gathering only for overflow...The languishing come to drink at the fountain of God's life-giving word. That too is worship....The soul-hungry come to eat at the banquet that is spread from the rich stores of Scripture. This also is worship." (John Piper)

2. We are God's temple who serve Him.

...you yourselves, as living stones, a spiritual house, are being built to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 2:5)

3. We are God's nation who shine His glory.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of the one who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. (1 Peter 2:9)

"There used to be a period when people came to meetings bringing their candles with them. The first one, perhaps, wouldn't make a great illumination, but when two or three got there, there would be more light. If the people of Boston should do that now, if each one should come here in this tabernacle, with a candle, don't you think there would be a little light." (DL Moody)

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. (1 Peter 2:10)

Reflection Question: Where do you need to receive and live out your identity in Jesus?

Scripture from the CSB unless noted.

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