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DAILY DEVOTION YOUR TRUE IDENTITY IN CHRIST

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1 Peter 2:9-10 (NIV)

"You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light. 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."

What defines you? When you look into the mirror of your soul, what do you see? Are you defined by your past? If so, you'll never live in the moment or see a future with hope that God has for you. Are you defined by a hurt or an experience that traumatized you? If so, you'll miss the joy that Jesus offers in spite of the pain. Are you defined by shame or guilt for some failure that you can't seem to overcome? If so, you'll miss experiencing the grace and forgiveness offered to you in Christ. Are you defined by the acceptance or significance you receive from others? If so, you'll yo-yo up and down seeking people's approval and miss the security and confidence that can be yours knowing that you are loved and accepted by God.

I believe Peter may have had some of these issues and dealt with people to whom he wrote his letter, who must have struggled with what defined them as well. In 1 Peter 2, he redefines who we are as Christ followers both then and today! Understanding and accepting who you are is huge if we are to grow in Christ, conquer old habits, and live in victory, experiencing the abundant life Jesus came to offer. Peter speaks to those who are coming to Christ in verse 4. He says, anyone who trusts in (Jesus) will never be disgraced in verse 6. In other words, Peter is speaking to young Christ followers about the centrality of Christ in their lives and how that changes who they are and what defines them now.

PRAYER: O Lord, let me know my true identity in you and to live abundance of life you have given in Jesus name.