

Who Do You Think You Are?

How Do You See Life? – Part 4

John 1:12-13 (ESV)

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But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

1. Realize what our faith does for us.

*For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons **and daughters** of God. For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons **and daughters** by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" Romans 8:14-15 (NASB)*

In what ways can we live out our identity as children of God in our daily lives?

2. God's Word tells us as his children how to be happy.

God blesses those people who refuse evil advice and won't follow sinners or join in sneering at God. Instead, they find happiness in the Teaching of the LORD, and they think about it day and night. They are like trees growing beside a stream, trees that produce fruit in season and always have leaves. Those people succeed in everything they do. Psalm 1:1-3 (CEV)

In what ways might we find ourselves "standing in the way of sinners," and how can we guard against this?

3. Receive the privileges of God as a child, but don't abuse it.

But you are a CHOSEN PEOPLE, 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; 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. Beloved, I urge you as foreigners and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts, which wage war against the soul. Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God on the day of visitation! Peter 2:9-11 (NASB)

What are some practical steps we can take to live as a "holy nation" in a world that often opposes Christian values?