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Sunday, May 22, 2011

**“IDENTITY”**

(1 Peter 2:9; Exodus 28:1-5)

What is our identity in Christ? Who are we? In the book of 1 Peter, believers are described as priests unto the Lord. What does it mean to be God’s priest?

*“But 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” (1 Peter 2:9, NIV).*

**THREE THINGS PRIEST DO:**

1. Priests have \_\_\_\_\_ to God.
2. Priests \_\_\_\_\_ to people.
3. Priest are dedicated to \_\_\_\_\_.

**THINGS TO REMEMBER:**

1. The priest \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The priest \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The priest reflected the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The priest was to be \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The priest was to \_\_\_\_\_.

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*“Trust in the LORD with all your heart do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take” (Proverbs 3:5-6, NLT).*

*“Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long” (Psalm 25:5, NIV).*

*“Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground” (Psalm 143:10, NIV).*

*“Who among the gods is like you, O LORD? Who is like you—majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?” (Exodus 15:11, NIV).*

*“He gives us the power to live, to move, and to be who we are. ‘We are his children,’” (Acts 17:28, CEV).*

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**THREE THINGS PRIEST DO:**

1. Priests have direct access to God.

*“Because of Christ and our faith in him, we can now come fearlessly into God's presence, assured of his glad welcome” (Ephesians 3:12, NLT).*

2. Priests represent God to people.

3. Priest are dedicated to serving God.

*“Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God” (Ephesians 4:1, NLT).*

*“Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others” (Romans 12:4-5, NIV).*

*“Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good” (1 Peter 2:2-3, NIV).*

*“Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law” (Psalm 119:18, NIV).*

1. The priest belonged to God.

*“You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body” (1 Corinthians 6:19-20, NIV).*

2. The priest represented God.

*“For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image” (2 Corinthians 3:17-18, NIV).*

3. The priest reflected the image of God.

4. The priest was to be holy as God is holy.

*“I am the LORD who brought you up out of Egypt to be your God; therefore be holy, because I am holy” (Leviticus 11:45, NIV).*

5. The priest was to live to glorify God.