

# We Are Called to be God's People



We are His chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that we may declare the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His wonderful light. Once we were not a people, but now we are His people. Once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy. God has said "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people."

We are His. We have a citizenship in heaven and the right to call Him "Abba, Father." We can approach the throne of grace with confidence. We can ask in the name of Christ and know that He will answer. We are loved, guided, protected, healed, and given a crown of glory and honor.

We are the body of Christ, reaching with His arms and speaking with His voice. The Great Commission is a start, the fruit of the Spirit provides us tools, and the gifts of the Spirit enable us to build up the body because we are His people.

We are saved by grace, through faith. But the scripture does not stop there. We are saved to good works. We are called to be God's people. But, we can and often do take for granted that we are God's people.

What are the symptoms of taking our relationship to God for granted?

One is simply by ignoring it, by doing nothing to honor or even acknowledge Him and nothing to show the world that we are His.

Ironically, another way is to take it for granted, flaunting the fact that as brothers and sisters of and in Christ, we are children of God. We trumpet our righteousness, demanding that the world act like we act, or at least like we say we act.

We are God's people. That is a wonderful, wondrous thing. It should and must color everything we do. There is no time off or down time.