Sunday, 14th June 2026

Who Are You?
The Identity Scripture Gives to Every Believer in Christ

Main Text:
1 Peter 2:9 — “But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people…”

My Dearest Christian Family,
Let us on this glorious day be reminded again on who and whose we truly are. Last Sunday we were reminded that we are members of God’s celestial family. Let us reinforce this identity by reflecting

on the scriptures some further teachings on this.

The Question on from Hell

The devil knows something about many Christians that they themselves have forgotten.
That is not a metaphor.
It is a theological reality.

In Acts 19, the seven sons of Sceva tried to cast out a demon by saying, “We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.”
But the evil spirit answered:
“Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?”

—Acts 19:15
That question destroyed them: WHO ARE YOU?

They had borrowed words, borrowed authority, and borrowed religion — but they had no true identity in Christ.
The sons of Sceva failed because they were operating on borrowed authority.
But we the true believers do not stand on borrowed authority. We stand in union with our beloved Christ.

John Calvin wrote:
“As long as Christ remains outside of us, all that He has suffered and done for the salvation of the human race remains useless and of no value for us.”

The issue is union with Christ. If you are in Christ:
You are not merely religious.
You are not merely forgiven.
You are not merely surviving.
You are what Scripture says you are.

You Are a Chosen People

Apostle Peter declares:
“But ye are a chosen generation…”
— 1 Peter 2:9
Before we chose God, God chose us.
“According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world…”
— Ephesians 1:4

This means our identity does not begin with our past, our failures, our feelings, or our wounds. It begins in the eternal counsel of God.

The Canons of Dort say election is:
“The unchangeable purpose of God, whereby… He hath chosen in Christ unto salvation a certain number of persons.”
We are not an accident in the Kingdom.
We are chosen in Christ.

We Are a Royal Priesthood

Peter continues:
“Ye are… a royal priesthood…”
— 1 Peter 2:9

This language comes from Exodus 19:
“Ye shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation.”
— Exodus 19:6

Israel was called to be a kingdom of priests, but through Christ, that priestly calling is restored to all of us believers. We are no longer beggars outside the temple. We are priests brought near by the blood of our beloved Christ.
“Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus…”
— Hebrews 10:19

Thomas Watson wrote:
“The godly are precious to God; they are His jewels.”
A priest has access. A royal priest has access and authority. But this authority is never independent. It is always in Christ, under Christ, and for Christ.

We Are Seated with Christ

Paul says:
“And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.”
— Ephesians 2:6

This is one of the most staggering truths in the New Testament.

We are not fighting FOR victory.
We are fighting FROM the victory of Christ.
Christ is seated:
“Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion…”
— Ephesians 1:21
And the believer is seated in Him.

John Owen wrote:
“Our union with Christ is the cause of all other graces that we are made partakers of.”

Our authority does not come from our volume in prayer, our emotions or our ministry experience. It comes from being united to the risen Christ.

We Are kings and priests unto God

Revelation says:
“Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God…”
— Revelation 1:5–6
Note the order.
First, He loved us.
Then, He washed us.
Then, He made us kings and priests.
We do not reign because we are strong.
We reign because Christ has conquered.
“We shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.”
— Romans 5:17

Scripture reminds us of this reign is not fleshly dominion, pride, or presumption. It is the reign of grace in a redeemed life. The Heidelberg Catechism says Christ makes us Christians so that we may share in His anointing: to confess His name, present ourselves as living sacrifices, and fight against sin and the devil.

That is biblical kingship: not ego, but holiness; not pride, but service; not self-exaltation, but Christ exaltation.

The Enemy's Strategy Is to Make Us Forget

In Eden, the serpent did not begin with violence. He began with a question:
“Yea, hath God said?”
— Genesis 3:1

The devil’s oldest strategy is to make God’s people doubt God’s Word.
If he can make you forget what God has said about us, he can make you live beneath your calling.
We may all be children of God, but we will live like orphans.
We may all be priests, but we will pray like outsiders.
We may all be seated with Christ, but we will fight like defeated slaves.
But Christ has reversed what Adam lost.
“For as by one man’s disobedience many

were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.”
— Romans 5:19

The cross did not merely forgive sin. It restored the believer’s standing before God.

We Are Children and Heirs of God

This is the highest identity.
“But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God…”
— John 1:12

And Paul says:
“And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ…”
— Romans 8:17

We are not merely a servant. We are children of God!
We are not merely pardoned.
We are adopted.

J.I. Packer wrote:
“Adoption is the highest privilege that the gospel offers.”
That is the part angels long to look into.
“Which things the angels desire to look into.”
— 1 Peter 1:12

Angels are glorious servants. But we the believers are the chosen adopted children.
Angels minister to the heirs of salvation.
“Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?”
— Hebrews 1:14
This is our identity in Christ.

You Are a New Creation

Apostle Paul declares:
“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”
— 2 Corinthians 5:17

We are not merely improved.
We are made new.
We are chosen.
We are redeemed.
We are justified.
We are adopted.
We are sealed by the Spirit.
We are seated with Christ.
We are a royal priesthood.
We are the chosen children of the living God.
We are the chosen bride of Christ.

Not because of our worthiness, but because of our beloved Christ's finished work.

Conclusion: Answer the Question

The sons of Sceva were asked:
“Who are you?”
And they had no answer.
But we the believers in Christ have an answer.

Once again who are we?

We are chosen in Christ.
We are washed in His blood.
We are clothed in His righteousness.
We are royal priests.
We are seated with our beloved Christ.
We are heirs of God and
co-heirs with Christ.
We are a new creation.

We are the beloved children of our beloved Abba Father.
We are the beloved bride of our beloved Christ.

Therefore, my dearest Christian family, let's walk in it.
Let's pray from it.
Let's live from it.
Do not shrink back.
Do not live like an
orphan.
Do not let the enemy define
what our beloved Christ has already secured.
The identity Scripture gives us is not a reward for perfect performance. It is a

gift of grace to everyone who belongs to our beloved Jesus Christ.

Amen, Amen, Amen.

Much love,
Francis