Your Place in the World

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INTRODUCTION

- Where God is ruled out of the equation, people have no concept of their purpose.
- We need to be able to answer this question. Who am I? And why am I here?
- Make sure that the person you appear to be on social media is the person that you really are.

1 We Are Redeemed by the Blood of Jesus

1 Peter 1:18–23; James 1:18

- We are redeemed not with perishable things like silver and gold.
- You were redeemed with something more precious. The blood of Jesus. The blood of a lamb. A perfect lamb. Without spot and without blemish.
- As a child of God, you're employed in a great cause and for great purposes. You have been redeemed for that purpose.
- Through him, we're believers in God, and our souls are purified in obedience to the truth.
- The concept of redeemed is the idea that we were a mess. In sin, we're a mess. Our lives have been salvaged.

2 A New Name, an Entirely New Status

Isaiah 62:1–12; Hebrews 12:22

- It's not just about wearing a label, it's about an entirely new status.
- We've come in union with the Lord. We have the ultimate husband as the bride of Christ. We're married. We're no longer forsaken.
- You have a new status. That's the idea of a new name. You've been elevated. We sit in heavenly places in Christ.
- And they will be called the holy people. You see, that's the thing. We've been set apart for God's purposes.
- Here's your new name, sought out. God sought us out.

3 Vessels for Honor: We Are His Instruments

2 Timothy 2:20–21; Proverbs 20:11

- It is by his deeds that a lad distinguishes himself if his conduct is pure and right.
- You need to see it as a platform to advance to other people. What is the real purpose of living?
- Without the Lord, we're missing the very essence of living. We are his instruments to be used by him.
- I'm going to place myself in his hand to be used by him.
- I know when I'm his instrument and I let him work in me, that good things are going to happen.

4 He Has Promised to Equip Us for the Work

- When we are his instrument, he has promised to equip us for the work.
- You're on your own. That's not what our Lord does. He equips us for this.
- Not only do we have the word equipping us, we have occasions like this that are designed to equip us and help us and to keep us focused and centered on what our purpose is.
- Regardless of what's unfolding, positive or negative, that God is at work.

5 Who He Has Called, He Has Also Glorified

- Who he has called, he has also glorified. He has eternal intentions for us that are extraordinary.
- If we'll just stay the course in terms of who we are as God's people, this is where we're going. This is who you are as a child of God.
- You need to keep that with you no matter what happens to you. No matter how much you hurt, no matter what life deals at you.
- He's going to throw flaming missiles and fiery darts at you, and that's why you need the shield of faith. Trust in the Lord.

THE CHALLENGE

How real is your faith? Who are you at the core? Are you trusting in God to accomplish his purposes in you? Are you walking daily with the Lord?

MY NOTES