

The Bible clearly teaches that God chooses us **BEFORE** we choose Him.

**John 6:44** “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him...”

**John 15:16** “You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit--fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.”

The same Bible that teaches God chooses us also teaches that God has given us a **FREE WILL** and we must choose God to be saved.

**Romans 10:13** “For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Charles Spurgeon on Election & Free Will  
[spurgeon.org/sermons/0207.htm](http://spurgeon.org/sermons/0207.htm)

God **CHOSE** you!

B. God sees you as His **CHILD** forever.

Ephesians 1:5 says we have been adopted into God’s family forever.

In the culture of the Bible, **ADOPTIONS** were irrevocable.

**Psalms 27:10** “Even if my mother and father forsake me the Lord will receive me.”

C. Knowing exactly who you are, God has **ACCEPTED** you.

**Ephesians 1:5-6** “...having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us **ACCEPTED** in the Beloved.” (NKJV)

**Romans 15:7** “Accept one another; then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.” (NIV)

You are **ALREADY** accepted by God because of Jesus.

D. You are **CAPABLE** and competent to be used for God’s work. (1 Peter 2:9)

1. In Bible times, being a priest had two benefits:

a. A priest could go **DIRECTLY** to God.

**Hebrews 10:19–22** “Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.” (NASB)

b. A priest is a **BRIDGE** between God and others.

2. You are a part of a holy nation – the word holy in this context simply means to be **SET ASIDE** for service to God.

In summary, 1 Peter 2:9-10 is reminding us of this:

*I have been chosen by God. I have been made to be a royal priest of God to help take the hand of someone else and put it into the Hand of my Heavenly Father. I have been set aside by God to be used for a purpose greater than myself, to be used for God's great glory. I belong to the God of this Universe and I will live my life declaring the praises of my Lord who called me out of darkness and into His wonderful light. There was a day I was no one -- going nowhere -- but now I am a child of the Living God. My life matters!*



Rebuilding Your Sense of Self Worth



Part Four

1 Peter 2:4-10

1. **JESUS WAS WRONGFULLY ATTACKED AND REJECTED BY OTHERS. (1 Peter 2:4, 6-8)**
  - A. The One (Jesus) that others rejected was actually the One **CHOSEN** by God and precious to Him.
  - B. Jesus' attackers weren't the ones who determined His value, the **FATHER** was. In the same way, your attackers aren't the ones who determine your worth. Those people throwing stones at you and throwing hateful words at you aren't the ones who determine your value.
  - C. Just like He was for Jesus Christ, your Heavenly Father is the **SOURCE** of your worth and value.
2. **WHAT IS GOD SAYING ABOUT YOU? (1 Peter 2:9-10)**
  - A. You have been in God's **HEART** from the beginning. He chose you to be His child.

**Ephesians 1:4** "For God chose us in Christ before the creation of the world..."