



As we fulfill God's cultural mandate, we are called to manifest and mediate the presence of God to the world around us. And through a series of names in 1 Peter 2:9, we discover exactly how we do that:

You are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

*Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God's people.
Once you received no mercy; now you have received God's mercy.*

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According to this passage, you are:

Chosen

Royal

A Priest

A Holy Nation

God's Special Possession

Out of Darkness

In Wonderful Light

God's People

Recipient of Mercy

These God-given names are not for you or me to simply hold close and keep to ourselves. These names are far bigger than that: They are a God-given calling to show others the goodness of God (1 Peter 2:9).

That is what it means to be a royal priest.