



A MINUTE WITH MISS LINDA



“WE ARE A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD”

I want to ask you a question: How do you see yourself as a Christian? Are you what a Christian ought to be? Ask 10 different people that question, and you will probably only get one answer. Nearly everyone will say they are trying,

but probably could do better. It would be rare to find anyone whose identity is based entirely on what God says rather than on their works. In this article, I will attempt to show you who you are in Christ and what God has said about you. Prepare to get your mind blown!

Recently, I watched a movie in which an adult tried to help a teenage girl see what God had to say about her. She gave her an assignment to read the first chapter of Ephesians and write down everything it said about her. Here is what she put on her list.

- I am blessed.
- I am chosen.
- I am without blame.
- I am accepted.
- I am forgiven.
- I am redeemed.
- I am predestinated according to His purposes.
- I am loved.

This list is wonderful, but it is what I would call, "Christianity 101." These should be the fundamental beliefs we hold. What amazes me is how quickly we forget them and revert to seeing ourselves through the lens of our own good works. It is no wonder we spend so little time living in victory. The Word says, "as a man thinks in his heart, so is he." (Proverbs 23:7)

Having said all that, I want to expand your understanding of what God has to say about you. But I must warn you, this goes far beyond the list we got from Ephesians 1. And, coming to a point where you can accept it and come into agreement with it will stretch your faith farther than it has ever been stretched before. Are you ready? Fasten your seatbelts children, because you are about to go on a ride, more exhilarating than anything you have ever experienced.

I Peter 2:9. Amplified Bible

9 But you are a chosen race, **a royal priesthood**, a consecrated nation, a [special] people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies [the wonderful deeds and virtues and perfections] of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

I want to note that this verse does not start with "But you can be if..."; It starts with "But you are." Everything we read here tells us what our God has already done, and what I find most amazing is that God considers us royalty. In His eyes, we are kings and priests. We are a royal priesthood!

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In the book of Revelation, we find two other portions of scripture that confirm this.

Revelation 1:5-6 KJV

5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 5:9-10 KJV

9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

So what is your view of yourself? Hopefully, it's not as someone trying to be a better Christian, but rather as someone who knows who God says they are. Scripture makes it unmistakably clear that our identity is not to be found through effort, discipline, or performance. It is something we receive through faith in Jesus Christ.

This is where true victory begins. When you wake up each day knowing you are a king and a priest, chosen by God, washed and redeemed by His blood, you stop striving for approval and start walking in purpose. You begin to proclaim His excellence because you are overwhelmed and amazed by what He has done.

The challenge is simple, yet profound: come into agreement with what God says about you. Renew your mind. Refuse to define yourself by past failures or present struggles. Instead, boldly embrace your identity as kings and priests unto God—and then go live

like someone who knows exactly who God says they are.

So, do you get it? Are you sure? If you think you do, then here is a test for you.

Revelation 19:16 KJV

16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

Ask yourself: who are these kings He is King over? If your answer is: The kings referred to are the kings of this world, then I am sorry, you still don't get it. But who else could this be referring to? Is it not more likely that you and I are the kings this refers to?

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, neither has it entered into the mind of man what God has prepared for those who love him.

