#### BREAKING THE CHAINS OF RELIGION

### **IDENTITY THEFT** 1 Peter 2:4-10 Ieff Schreve

### Do you really know who you are in Jesus Christ?

- 1. You are not unwanted, you are chosen.
  - A. God wanted you to be in His family. You did not choose Me, but I chose you. John 15:16
  - B. God adopted you into His family.

For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" Romans 8:15

- 2. You are not a piece of trash, you are a royal priest.
  - A. You have royal blood in your veins.
  - B. You have a high position as a priest.

Let us therefore now draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16

- 3. You are not a dirty sinner, you are a holy saint.
  - A. When you receive Christ, God calls you a saint. ...to all who are beloved of God in Rome, called as saints. Romans 1:7
  - B. When you receive Christ, God sees you as holy. What God has cleansed, no longer consider unholy. Acts 10:15
- 4. You are not a worthless person, you are God's possession.

# A. You are a special treasure to God.

The LORD has declared today that you are His people, His own special treasure, just as He promised... Deuteronomy 26:18

# B. You were purchased at a great price.

...shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. Acts 20:28

You are these great things... so that you may shine.

God is waiting for you to believe Him.