

Remembering Whose We Are
Aliens
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As Christians, we have an individual identity and a collective identity.

John Stott: "The Christian life is not just our own private affair. If we have been born again into God's family, not only has He become our Father, but every other believer in the world, whatever his nation or denomination, has become our brother or sister in Christ."

- **We are God's family who are satisfied with Him.**

1 Peter 2:2-3 (NIV) Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, ³ now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

- **We are God's temple who serve Him.**

1 Peter 2:5 (NIV) You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

- **We are God's nation who shine His light.**

1 Peter 2:9 (NIV) But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.

We don't achieve our identity in Christ; we receive it from Him.

1 Peter 2:10 (NIV) Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.