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Four Pillars of Mercy Commons



“Men more frequently require to be reminded than informed.”

Samuel Johnson

The Rambler



Who is our God?



**⁶ And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed,
“The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, long-
suffering, and abounding in goodness and truth ...**

Exodus 34:6-7



7 keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."

Exodus 34:6-7



**Our identity and
purpose flows out of
who God is and what
He has done.**



9 But you are a CHOSEN RACE, a ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, a HOLY NATION, a [PECULIAR/SPECIAL/PRIZED] people for His own possession, that you may PROCLAIM the excellencies of Him who called you OUT OF DARKNESS into His marvelous light.

1 Peter 2:9-12



¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are GOD'S PEOPLE; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. ¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as SOJOURNERS and EXILES to ABSTAIN from the passions of the flesh, which WAGE WAR AGAINST YOUR SOUL.

1 Peter 2:9-12



¹² Keep your CONDUCT among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

1 Peter 2:9-12



1. We have been rescued by His mercy, so we revel in His mercy.

2. We display His mercy by the way we live as a family.

3. We have been called to proclaim His mercy to those in our spheres of influence/relationship.

4. We participate in acts of mercy for the common good of the world and the glory of God.



1. We revel because ...
Judgement is fulfilled
through mercy.



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1 Peter 2:10



***“When Jesus died on the cross, the mercy of God did not become any greater. It could not become any greater, for it was already infinite. We get the odd notion that God is showing mercy because Jesus died.*”**

AW Tozer



No—Jesus died because God is showing mercy. It was the mercy of God that gave us Calvary, not Calvary that gave us mercy. If God had not been merciful there would have been no incarnation, no babe in the manger, no man on a cross and no open tomb.”

AW Tozer



1. **We revel because ...**
Darkness to light.



1. **We revel because ...**
Enemies to His own
special treasure.



**9a But you are a CHOSEN RACE, a ROYAL PRIESTHOOD,
a HOLY NATION, a [PECULIAR/SPECIAL/PRIZED] people
for his own possession...**

1 Peter 2:9



2. **We display His mercy**
by living as a purposeful
family.



“Let us be careful, indeed, to spend a lifetime studying to give honest answers. ... But after we have done our best to communicate to a lost world, still we must never forget that the final apologetic which Jesus gave is the observable love of true Christians for true Christians.”

Francis Schaffer



2. **We display His mercy**
by living as a royal
priesthood.

Servants, ministers, bridge builders



2. **We display His mercy**
by living as sojourners/
aliens.



3. We proclaim His mercy.



9^b that you may PROCLAIM the excellencies of Him who called you OUT OF DARKNESS into His marvelous light.

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**4. We participate in acts
of mercy.**



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