



#RelationshipGoals - Episode II With the World

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Who are we?

"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. 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."
I Peter 2:9-10 (NIV)

1. You ARE _____.

2. You ARE Set _____.

3. You ARE _____.

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Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

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