

CALLED OUT IN A DARK WORLD

Dawn Is Coming – Part 5

5-10-2026 – Mother's Day

**You may be rejected by some people, but don't worry;
you have been chosen by God.**

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.”*

God's View Of You

- 1. You are Acceptable**
You are a Chosen People
- 2. You are Capable**
You are a Royal Priest
 - You have direct access to God.
 - You are a minister.

Ministry is helping others because Jesus has helped you.

- 3. You are Forgivable**
You are a Holy Nation

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.”*

Mercy is more kindness than justice deserves.

- 4. You are Valuable**
You are God's Special Possession

Luke 12:24 (NLT) *“Look at the ravens. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for God feeds them. And you are far more valuable to Him than any birds!”*

- 5. You are Called**
**You are Called out of Darkness
into His Wonderful Light**

**When you know who you are,
you will know what you are called to do.**

1 Peter 2:11 (NIV) *“Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul.”*

1 Peter 2:11 (NLT) *“Dear friends, I warn you as ‘temporary residents and foreigners’ to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls.”*

1 Peter 2:12 (NIV) *“Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day He visits us.”*

1 Peter 2:12 (NLT) *“Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when He judges the world.”*

**We need to show people what we believe
by how we behave.**

1 Peter 2:15 (NIV) *“For it is God’s will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people.”*

1 Peter 2:21 (NLT) *“For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example, and you must follow in His steps.”*

**There will be times when you do good
and you will still suffer.**

1 Peter 2:22-24 (NLT) *“He never sinned, nor ever deceived anyone. ²³ He did not retaliate when He was insulted, nor threaten revenge when He suffered. He left His case in the hands of God, who always judges fairly. ²⁴ He personally carried our sins in His body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By His wounds you are healed.”*

We are called to be like our example in Jesus.

1 Peter 3:9 (NLT) *“Don’t repay evil for evil. Don’t retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and He will grant you His blessing.”*

God is calling you to do good.