

TESTIFY *of* JESUS

THE FIRST & SECOND LETTERS OF PETER | THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

Scripture Reading

1 PETER 2:1–12

PETER'S MAIN POINT

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with Christian identity.

Christian, your love for others
will grow as you increasingly realize
how much God loves you.

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- *Verses 9-10*—Every Christian is chosen by God, valued by God, treasured by God, honored as royalty by God, freed from slavery by God, privileged to mirror God’s love, faithfully loved by God, and forever to know God’s kindness.

“Russian phishers, imposters posing as rich Nigerian widows, and Chinese hackers are the least of our problems. [We are vulnerable to] far more dangerous identity thieves that are far more difficult to detect. Pride . . . Hollywood . . . parental pressure, success, disappointment, failure . . . aging, bereavement, the church, and so on have been far more successful at stealing our identities than any online thieves.”

— *David Murray*

“Christian, lose your sense of identity,
and you’ll lose your power to love.”