

My Name; Numbers 6:22-27

I. Ownership

- A. We all remember putting our names on our belongings
- B. There are programs where you etch identifying information on your belongings.
- C. Some you treasure
- D. Some are your most prize possessions
- E. God feels the same way about us

II. Treasure

- A. 1 Peter 2:9–10; 9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 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.
- B. "Possession" - keeping safe, preserving, saving
 1. we are a people whom God wants to keep safe, preserve, save



2. Austrian Crown Jewels

- a) Just as the crown jewels are kept safe from those who would steal them, God keeps us safe with His word
- b) If the crown jewels are removed from their place they become susceptible to theft
- c) If we remove ourselves from God's word we become susceptible to Satan's snares

3. We are worth so much more than crown jewels

- a) A Godly wife is far above jewels
- b) Proverbs 31:10; An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels.
- c) Our faith is more precious than gold
- d) 1 Peter 1:6–7; 6 In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

C. Water

1. At least 60% of the adult body is made of water and every living cell in the body needs it to keep functioning
2. Water acts as a lubricant for our joints, regulates our body temperature through sweating and respiration, and helps to flush waste

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What Does Water do for You?



4. We cannot survive long without it
- Gandhi survived 21 days of complete starvation (he did have water)
 - Under the best circumstances we can survive about 7 days without water (3 days was the normal time period)
 - I'd say water was essential to our survival
 - Matthew 5:44–45; 44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.
 - Skogafoss, Iceland



D. We are God's treasured possessions

III. Belongings

A. "Possession" - That which is acquired, property

B. We are a people that have become God's possession

C. We have an honorable name, the name of Christian

1. James 2:5-7; 5 Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? 6 But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? 7 Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

D. "The American Dream"

1. To be your own boss
2. Nobody telling you what to do, when to do it, etc.
3. Most people who have an employer don't make it too far if they are unwilling to listen to their (the employers') direction
4. Most business owners don't make it too far if they don't listen to their customers needs
5. The "American Dream" is a false hope and sets us up for failure as Christians

E. We (Christians) have an owner (So do those who are not Christians)

1. Revelation 3:12; The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name.
2. Revelation 22:3-5; 3 No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. 4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.
3. Romans 9:25-26; 25 As indeed he says in Hosea, "Those who were not my people I will call 'my people,' and her who was not beloved I will call 'beloved.'" 26 "And in the very place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,' there they will be called 'sons of the living God.'"

F. Recent flag controversies

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2. We place our identities with these flags
 3. In one form or another, all these flags stand against Christian values!
 4. We should place our identities with the One who has put His Name on us
 5. Jeremiah 31:33–34; 33 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."
 6. And if we belong to Him, then we do what He says
 7. Luke 6:46; "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you?"
 8. And where His values conflict with anyone of these flags' values, we lose the flag!
- G. We are a purchased people
1. 1 Corinthians 6:19–20; 19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, 20 for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.
 2. 1 Corinthians 7:23; You were bought with a price; do not become bondservants of men.
 3. Ephesians 2:13; But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

IV. God's Name

- A. Yaweh, the God of the Covenant
- B. His name is on us; we are His
- C. His Treasured possessions!
- D. This is our identity

