

IV. YOU ARE **FORGIVABLE**

“who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.”
I Peter 2:10

- A. **Guilt** and **condemnation** are part of living life **apart** from God.

“Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.”
Romans 3:19

“He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”
John 3:18

- B. **Mercy** and **forgiveness** are available through having a relationship **with** God.

“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.”
Romans 8:1

“For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, And abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.”
Psalm 86:5

WELCOME HOME

Never Forget You Are Acceptable, Valuable, Capable & Forgivable!

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Welcome Home...Who You Are In God's Family
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INTRODUCTION

- A. Home is where the heart is... Make yourself at home... Home sweet home...Home away from home. This list goes on and on. We sure do like to talk a lot about “home”.

At home you are family. You are safe and you can be yourself. You are loved and you are cherished.

God desires to welcome you home and for you to experience all the aspects of being home. Romans 15:7, says.
“Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.”

The problem is most people have never found “home”. This sad reality breaks God's heart and it should break our hearts.

- B. Our Welcome Home teaching series will teach you how to find “home” in four different ways. This series features the following messages:

TODAY	Welcome Home...Who You Are In God's Family
July 5	Finding Home With Jesus
July 12	Finding Home With Relationships
July 19	Finding Home With Church
July 26	Finding Home With Heaven
August 2	Bringing Others Home

- C. **TEXT:** I Peter 2:3-10 (Pew Bible/Pg 235/New Testament)

“Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.”
Colossians 3:2

WELCOME HOME...WHO YOU ARE IN GOD'S FAMILY

I. YOU ARE **ACCEPTABLE**

*"3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.
4 Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, "* I Peter 2:3-4

A. Many times we are rejected by **people** including:

- **Parents**
- **Partners**
- **Peers**

B. **God** has accepted you.

"You did not choose Me, but I chose you ,..."
John 15:16a

*"When my father and my mother forsake me,
Then the LORD will take care of me."* Psalm 27:10

II. YOU ARE **VALUABLE**

"...and precious," I Peter 2:4d

A. Don't confuse your **net** worth with your **self** worth.

*"He who loves silver will not be satisfied with silver;
Nor he who loves abundance, with increase.
This also is vanity."* Ecclesiastes 5:10

B. What determines the value of something?

1. It depends on what someone is willing to **pay** for it.

"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace"
Ephesians 1:7

2. It depends on who **owns** it.

"You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men."
I Corinthians 7:23

III. YOU ARE **CAPABLE**

A. In the Old Testament only priests had the privilege to go directly to God. In the New Testament you have the right and responsibility to go **directly** to God.

"5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."
I Peter 2:5

"Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus," Hebrews 10:19

B. In the Old Testament only priests had the privilege to minister to the needs of people. In the New Testament you have the right and responsibility to **minister** to others.

"9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;" I Peter 2:9

"As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."
I Peter 4:10