Purchased for God

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In Revelation 5, John the Apostle receives of a vision of <u>HEAVEN</u> as God's children fall down to <u>WORSHIP</u> Jesus, the Lamb of God.

Revelation 5:9-10

And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because You were slain, and with Your blood You purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."

What does it mean to be "purchased for God"?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true. **Martin Luther,** *Small Catechism*

Where do you fit in among the "persons from every tribe and language and people and nation" who belong to Jesus?

You've been called into a <u>KINGDOM</u> that will never be destroyed.

You've been given direct access to God in the <u>PRIESTHOOD</u> of all believers.

Your purpose in life is to <u>SERVE</u> your God by living for His glory in the world He died to save.

1 Peter 1:18-21

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through Him you believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and glorified Him, and so your faith and hope are in God.