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*"Who* in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy." 1Peter 2:10

"But now have obtained mercy." The mercy of God is always closely related to His covenant with His people. Without a covenant there can be no "people". For the identifying mark of a people is that there is some sort of binding agreement. So it is in God's mercy that He has both initiated and instituted covenant with us that we might be a people – the People of God. "I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they will be My people." (2 Corinthians 6:16)

The condition for the Jewish people to experience the benefits of the Covenant was to "obey My voice and keep My covenant." And so it is for believers found in the New Covenant today, in order to enjoy the benefits of this better covenant (Hebrews 8:6), we too, must obey His voice – "in these last days spoken to us by His Son." (Hebrews 1:2) As the People of God, found in covenant with Jesus Christ, truly His "mercy is new every morning!" (Lamentation 3:23).

In today's new morning rejoice in His covenant mercy and delight in being numbered among the Peoples of God!

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