



YOU ARE THE PEOPLE OF GOD

1 Peter 2:9-12

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Good morning Church! Peter teaches: as we obey the word by putting faith in Christ, we share in His honor, and is described here with four phrases of who believers really are. Here again, Peter intentionally applies terms to his Christian readers that were identified as God's chosen nation of ancient Israel.

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*““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. **11** Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. **12** Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.”*

1. You are a CHOSEN Race. (v 9)

- Christians are chosen by God to SALVATION.
- Christians are chosen by God to SERVE.

*“the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise” **Isaiah 43:21***

2. You Are a Royal PRIESTHOOD. (v 9)

- CHOSEN by God.

*“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.” **John 15:16***

- CLEANSED of Sins.

*“... Savior Jesus Christ, **14** who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.” **Titus 2:13-14***

- PREPARED for Service.

*“He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil.” **1 Timothy 3:6***

• ORDAINED to Obey. (*Leviticus 10:1*)

• HONOR the Word of God. (*Malachi 2:7*)

*“For the lips of a priest should guard knowledge, and people should seek instruction from his mouth, for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts.” **Malachi 2:7***

• WALK with God.

*“If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.” **Galatians 5:25***

• IMPACT Sinners.

“Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you to be tempted.”

Galatians 6:1

• MESSENGERS of God

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*

Matthew 28:19-20

3. You Are a HOLY Nation. (v 9)

• Christians are SET APART for God and live MORALLY.

4. You Are a People for God's Special POSSESSION. (v 9)

• Christians have receive God's MERCY. (v 10)

• Christians honor God in DAILY LIVING. (v 11-12)

1. Keep AWAY from worldly desires.

2. Live PROPERLY among unbelievers.

3. God will be honored through your BEHAVIOR.

This is how God uses us to bring people to Christ. When we sacrifice our desires for the good of others, when we honor God with our behavior and life. God will be glorified because of it.