

**“NOT A PEOPLE – NOW THE PEOPLE OF GOD”**

**1 PETER 2:1-10**

**TEXT: VERSES 9,10**

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**INTRO: ARE YOU A CHRISTIAN? IF SO, YOU ARE UNIQUE AMONG THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD.** Most Christians would recognize and agree with that statement and even most unsaved people of the world agree as well. **BUT IN REALITY, WHAT DOES THAT REALLY MEAN? WHY ARE CHRISTIANS UNIQUE? And, IS THAT UNIQUENESS GOOD OR BAD?** Let's examine this today from the text of 1 Peter 1:9,10.

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**I. THE POSITION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD – VS. 9a**

A. Christians are a Chosen Generation

NOTE: The word “GENERATION” means **“ORIGIN, LINEAGE, OR BIRTH”** By being BORN AGAIN every Christian has his ORIGIN, LINEAGE AND BIRTH stemming from God through faith in Jesus Christ.

1. As the Chosen Generation of God, Christians are to **represent God on earth and then partake of His eternal Kingdom in Heaven.**

2. Comparative Scriptures:

a. 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 = Christians are to “CONFOUND” which means to “PUT TO SHAME.”

b. James 2:5 = Christians are “HEIRS” of God's Kingdom.

NOTE: **Christians are unique in that we have the honor of representing God on earth and then will spend eternity with Him in Glory! WHAT A GREAT POSITION WE HAVE!**

B. Christians are a Royal Priesthood

1. In the OT the priests served God in the TABERNACLE and TEMPLE. They were the leading people of God and were close to His presence all of the time.

2. In the NT, all Christians are “BELIEVER PRIESTS” of God, to offer SACRIFICIAL SERVICE unto the Lord daily through the local church.

NOTE: **Christians are unique in that we have the honor of serving God and being able to go into His presence at any time.**

C. Christians are an Holy Nation

NOTE: The word “NATION” means “A PEOPLE.” Christians are “HOLY PEOPLE.”

1. Holy in our Positional Salvation – Hebrews 3:1

2. Holy in our Practical Salvation – 1 Peter 1:15,16

3. Holy in our Prospective Salvation – 1 Thessalonians 3:13

NOTE: **Christians are unique in that we are separated unto God to model and show His holiness to the world. As people see US they see GOD.**

D. Christians are a Peculiar People

NOTE: In this context “PECULIAR” means **“TO BE POSSESSED.”** Christians are the complete possession of God.

1. A People Indwelt – 1 Corinthians 6:19

2. A People Purchased – I Corinthians 6:20

3. A People Secure – 1 Peter 1:3-5

NOTE: **Christians are unique in that they eternally belong to God.**

ILLUSTRATION:

**II. THE PURPOSE OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD – VS. 9b**

**“To “show forth” the PRAISES OF GOD”**

NOTE: The Phrase “SHOW FORTH” is found nowhere else in the NT. It literally means “TO TELL SOMETHING THAT IS NOT OTHERWISE KNOWN.”

NOTE: The word “PRAISES” in this text speaks of the EXCELLENCIES, VIRTURES, AND EMINENT QUALITIES OF GOD. **Only we as believers know these and are to share them with the whole world.**

THOSE PRAISES OF GOD INCLUDE:

A. That God called us out of Darkness = **The realm of Satan and the kingdom he controls.**

B. That God called us into His Marvelous Light = **The realm of Christ and the Kingdom He controls.**

ILLUSTRATION:

### III. THE PROVISION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD – VS. 10

#### A. God Provided a Standing for Christians

“In time past not a People, BUT now a People.”

1. In the Past – Not a People = Ephesians 2:12
2. In the Present – A People = Galatians 3:26

#### B. God Provided a Salvation for Christians

“In time past no Mercy, BUT now Mercy”

1. In the Past – No Saving Mercy = Ephesians 2:1-3
2. In the Present – Saving Mercy = Ephesians 2:4-6

#### ILLUSTRATION:

#### APPLICATION/CONCLUSION:

Though Christians are UNIQUE we are not BETTER than others. AND all people have the opportunity to become UNIQUE IN CHRIST.

- 1) Let's live out that uniqueness we possess daily.
- 2) Let's share that uniqueness we possess daily.