

## Who r we in Jesus

1 Peter 2:9-12

Are there are some things to unpack here.

chosen race

a royal priesthood

a holy nation

a people for his own possession, v9

And all of that is just in part of verse 9

Why are we called, a priesthood a holy nation, and the people of God?

Crikey we are important. I don't think we get that enough. We are somewhat special to God.

Now all these things lead us to do stuff for Jesus. Out of love, duty, responsibility, whatever.

To proclaim!!!

V9 b that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

It is interesting isn't it. That God seems to be saying our role is to proclaim Him. It is kind of like we exist to proclaim and worship Him.

We have the credibility to proclaim God. Like an ambassador, or others would say like a journalist, others would say like a publicist.

How would you put your role of proclamation?

Yep

We belong to God and we have a purpose.m

Look at v10

**1Pe 2:10** 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.

You were once not all those things in v9 now you are.

Now this is speaking to a Jewish audience. God's chosen people, the Holy Nation (holy meaning "Set Apart so the set apart people) Once we were not receivers of God's relationship now we are. Does this apply to us?

Oh yeh. Even as gentiles we are included because Christ died for all. All this is available to us. You and me , right now.

**1Pe 2:11** Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

Because we have this, we are different. Here Peter uses the terms sojourners and exiles, in other words we are the different ones, we are the ones that stand out because of our difference. We are God's people and because of that we are different. We think different, we act different, we believe different things, and all that affects who we are.

In some ways though we long for normality, here Peter talks about that as being "passions of the flesh" normality is an ingrained selfishness.

**1Pe 2:12** 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.

One of the other translation states it this way. "Live a good life among the pagans"

It infers that we are to live a good life among those of a different world view to us. Here it uses the word honourable.

The KJV puts it this way

**1Pe 2:12** Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by *your* good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

The phrase conversation honest is kind of like

Conversation = behaviour that is affected by your talk (anastrophe)

Honest= virtuous.

This passage is saying be so good that even people who want to bad mouth you have nothing bad to say about you.

You see, this being a Christian thing (belonging to Christ because that is what the term Christian is about), being a Christian is an influential role and influencing role.

We are God's people, thus we live and act as Gods is people.

In some ways we Represent Jesus

But in other ways

And

Re-present (retell the story in how it affects us)