



## “The Chosen People of God”

6<sup>th</sup> in the “Elect Exiles” Series

1 Peter 2:9-12 pg.1015

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### Introduction

In this passage God teaches us about our otherworldly identity and mission as the people of God.

### The Text: 1 Peter 2:9-12

1) Christians have an otherworldly identity that changes their relation to and purpose in this world (vv. 9-10).

*Galatians 3:7-8: <sup>7</sup> Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. <sup>8</sup> And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.”*

*Isaiah 43:20-21: <sup>20</sup> The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, <sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.”*

*Exodus 19:4-6: <sup>4</sup> ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup> Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; <sup>6</sup> and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”*

(a) Chosen Race (an otherworldly identity in Christ)

(b) Royal Priesthood (an otherworldly ministry in Christ)

(c) Holy Nation (an otherworldly affiliation in Christ)

2) Christian Exiles are to live like traveling ministers, never feeling at “home” in their own skin or city (vv. 11-12).

### Response

- “You are God’s People” (v. 10) – the chosen people!

## Sunday Text Questions for 1 Peter 2:9-12

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- 1) Starter Question: How does being a Christian make you different from the non-Christian?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) As “a chosen race” (v. 9), how do Christians have an “otherworldly identity?”
- 4) As “a royal priesthood” (v. 9), how do Christians have an “otherworldly ministry?”
- 5) As “a holy nation” (v. 9), how do Christians have an “otherworldly affiliation?”
- 6) V. 9b seems to say that we are God’s special possession who are called to declare to the world the praises (greatness) of God. How can a Christian practice this purpose of their life?
- 7) Based upon v. 10, how are non-Christians really “not a people” at all?
- 8) Why should exiles/sojourners fight the urge to live sinful lives (v. 11)?
- 9) How does v. 12 teach the Christian to live among non-Christians (Gentiles = pagans/other nations)?
- 10) Why do American Christians have a tendency to marry together their Christian faith with their American identity and politics? How does this text push against this marriage?

**Further study this week:** Galatians 3, especially vv. 7-9, on the church as descendants of Abraham (Mon); Isaiah 43, especially vv. 20-21, on the church as God’s chosen people (Tues); Exodus 19, esp. vv. 4-6, on the church as God’s priests and nation (Wed); 2 Corinthians 5:11-21, esp. vv. 16-17, on the church as the new creation (Thurs); Revelation 5 on the international church’s worship of God (Fri).