



# 1 PETER 2:9-10

The glorious goodness of  
God to His people

Part 1

## THE CHURCH IS A PEOPLE OF STANDING TO THE GLORY OF GOD (2:9)

*“But you are a chosen race,”*

- Peter ties these suffering congregations into the hope found in the redemptive history of God’s people.
  - Ephesians 2:11–13
- As a *“chosen race,”* those in the church, by the gospel of Jesus Christ, have been graciously selected for a rich heritage.
- We are spiritual Israel by God’s choice through gospel grace.
  - Deuteronomy 10:15
- Through the gospel we are the chosen offspring of the forefathers of the faith.
  - Galatians 3:29
- We are blessed and fortunate people.

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*“a royal priesthood”*

- New Covenant followers of Jesus are given a place of distinction as members of a royal family.
- We are religiously set apart as those with priestly access and privileges.
  - Revelation 1:4–6
- We have glorious access to God and we have the privilege of sharing the truth and grace of God with others.

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*“a holy nation”*

- The nation of Israel was set apart unto God among all the other nations of the world.
  - Exodus 19:5–6
- In the New Covenant, God has set apart His people and His churches through gospel grace.
- We have the word of God to instruct and guide us along with the Spirit of God to enable our obedience.
  - John 17:17

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*“a people for his own possession”*

- The people of Israel were chosen by God to be His treasured possession.
  - Deuteronomy 7:6-8a
  - Isaiah 43:1
- As with the children of Israel, New Covenant followers of Jesus belong to the Lord for the purpose of His glory.
  - 1 Corinthians 6:19–20
- Rather than seeking our own direction and satisfaction, we are to seek satisfaction in the Lord’s direction.

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*“that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”*

- The people of God are to make much of their God, not much of themselves.
- They walk in the favor of God by His choice and plan, not by their achievements or desirable qualities.
- Peter continues the connection with Israel from a reference to the prophet Isaiah.
- In light of the past they should believe God’s power and promise to bring them back from the Babylonian captivity.
- God’s provision should bring Him praise.
  - Isaiah 43:20–21

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- We have been blessed with a new way of life as followers of Jesus and we should gladly flee the darkness to walk in the light of Jesus our Lord and Savior.
  - Ephesians 5:6–8
    - Out of the darkness God created light.
    - Out of the darkness and deadness of our sinfulness, God produces gospel light.
      - 2 Corinthians 4:6
- As followers of Jesus we are to make known the excellencies of our God through worship, edification, and evangelism.



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