

THE CHURCH AS A CHOSEN PEOPLE
Centennial Celebration Sunday - October 5, 2008
1 Peter 2:9-10

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1. We Are A _____ People

- Verse 9a, “But you are a chosen people...”
- This choosing is not unique to the believers to whom Peter wrote.
- This is the common heritage of all God’s people throughout the ages.
- We are joined in a covenant community with all who truly name Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.
- Have you experienced the wonder of God’s forgiveness and mercy?

2. We Are A _____ People

- Verse 9b, “a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God...”
- You have been chosen and destined by God the Father and sanctified by the Spirit to be obedient to Jesus Christ.
- 1 Peter 1:14-16, “As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: ‘Be holy, because I am holy.’”
- Have you experienced the marvelous grace of entire sanctification? Have you allowed God’s Spirit to work in you, to draw you closer to Him, to shape and mold you toward the image of Christ?
- Have you come to a moment of utter surrender of your will to the sanctifying fullness of the Holy Spirit?

3. We Are A _____ People

- Verse 9c, “that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”
- We are commissioned to proclaim His mighty acts.
- This choosing is not for us alone; it is for the whole world!
- 2 Peter 3:9, “The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”
- Have you shared your testimony with the unsaved?

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