

“Chosen and Honored”

Text: I Peter 2:9-10

Scripture reading: Psalm 110

I. The Foundation – vs. 4

II. The house – vs. 5

III. The selection – vv. 6-8

IV. The ownership – vv. 9-10

The church as described by 3 contrasts:

A) Not that, BUT this! – vs. 9a

1. A chosen race (Eph. 1:4; Rom. 8:29; Deut. 7:6-9; I Jn. 4: 8, 16)

2. A royal priesthood (Ex. 19:3-6; Heb. 7:1-3)

3. A holy nation (Ex. 19:5; I Pet. 1:15-16)

4. A people for God's own possession (Ex. 19:5; I Cor. 6:19-20)

B) From darkness to light! – vs. 9b (Rom. 8:30)

C) That was then, this is now! – vv. 7-8 (Ps. 118:22; Rev. 21:1-7)

Identity applied: Our corporate identity from I Pet.2:4-10 brings...

1. ...New _____ into our determinations.
2. ...New _____ into our hearts.
3.New _____ into our walk of faith.

Christ, our Priest,

“Stand still awhile and listen – yea, enter with boldness unto the holiest and see your Jesus as He now appears in the presence of God for you, what work He makes against the devil and sin and death and hell for you. Ah, it is brave following of Jesus Christ to the holiest. The veil is rent; you may see with open face as in a glass the glory of the Lord.”

-John Bunyan; English preacher, author; 1628-1688

SERMON QUOTES:

Intro.:

Pastor John MacArthur,

“However in 2:4-10 the apostle Peter looks not at the cost and duty of following Christ but at the rich kaleidoscope of spiritual privileges He gives to those who have embraced that cost. Peter holds the jewels of redemption to the light of God’s grace and reveals wonderful patterns of spiritual blessings that belong to all who are in Christ.”

Identity applied (conclusion):

Dr. Thomas Schreiner,

“Peter saw these promises (OT) as fulfilled in Jesus Christ, and God’s elect nations is no longer conterminous with Israel but embraces the church of Jesus Christ, which is composed of both Jews and Gentiles.”