

ENDURE

A STUDY IN FIRST PETER



1 Peter 2:7-10

Based on last week's Practice

1. What applications from last week's study were you able to put into practice?
2. What stories from this past week would you like to encourage the group with?
3. What did you find most challenging from last week's study?

Overview

Last week we began exploring what it means to see Jesus as the Cornerstone, the foundation, on which we build our lives upon. Where Jesus gives us the power to cancel past, present and future sins, gives us a new identity, and gives us the power to live each day. This week we take a deeper look at this new identity in Jesus. Specifically we take a look at three identities described in 1 Peter 2:7-10.

First, we are a chosen race. The word chosen, can also be translated as elected. We are elected or appointed to a position second only to Jesus. And we are no longer defined by our skin color, but as a new creation, a new racial identity as children of God, part of Christ and His Kingdom

Second, we are a royal priesthood. That position we are elected to is none other than as a royal priest. We are ordained to minister to and for Jesus here on earth, sharing His good news. But even better we have a future, eternal role to reign with Jesus in the new Heaven and earth.

And finally we are to be part of a holy nation. God has given us a new ancestry, new family, new beliefs, a whole new ethnicity; and He has made us part of His household, His family.

We have been given this new identity to show God's glory through His unmerited love for us. This is exhibited by how he has called us out of the darkness of our sin and into the light of His forgiveness, how he has made us His unique people when we were lost and alone; how we received His mercy when we should have received His wrath. Accept this new identity in Jesus, don't take it for granted, but share this good news with everyone you meet.

Scripture

Read 1 Peter 2:7-10

Discussion

1. When you hear the word cornerstone what do you think of? Describe how it pertains to Jesus.
2. How is Jesus a stumbling block and offensive to an unbeliever?
3. Strong's Concordance describes the chosen, or elect, as the best of kind or class, excellence preeminent, appointed by God to the most exalted office conceivable, second only to Jesus. How does this make you feel?
4. What does it look like to be a new creation where our racial identity is not based on skin color, but on being a child of God?
5. What do you think of when you hear the word priest? Discuss what it looks like to be a priest in God's current Kingdom and in His future Kingdom.
6. God created a whole new idea of what nation or ethnicity means. What does the ethnicity of in Jesus look like?
7. The end of verse 9 and beginning of verse 10 talk about three things that proclaim God's excellence. Discuss the three things that God has done, how they have been exhibited in your life, and how they show God's excellence.
8. Discuss what your response should be to receiving this new identity in Jesus and how it should look to the world?

Application

This week focuses on your new identities in Jesus: Chosen, Priest, member of a Holy Nation.

- How are each of these exhibited as you go through your day?
- How can you better exemplify your identity to those you meet?
- How can you proclaim God's excellence to those around you?.