

“Misunderstood” Sermon Series: God’s People?

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I. A Sense Of Belonging

Key Truth: The Redeemed Are Forever God’s People

II. “Chosen” People Deuteronomy 7:6; Romans 11:1-2a

Point: Jews Were A Chosen People Under The Old Covenant

III. A Holy Nation 1 Peter 2:6-10

Point: God’s People Receive Mercy In His Marvelous Light

IV. One People, Under God

Mid-Week Devotion (Take time to pray & respond to the following)

Opportunities to share in the joy of belonging are among life’s sweetest gifts. Deep within each of us is the longing to be part of something meaningful—to know we are loved, valued, and that our lives matter. For those who follow Jesus, this longing finds its truest fulfillment in the family of God.

Becoming part of God’s family is neither complicated nor closed off. Despite what some have wrongly claimed throughout history, being one of God’s people is not about being born into a certain nation, culture, or moment in time. Nor is it about earning our way through good deeds or personal achievement. The invitation to join God’s family is wide open. Anyone may come to Jesus—confessing sin, turning from it, and trusting Him for forgiveness. In that moment of faith, God calls us out of darkness and into the marvelous light of His Son (1 Peter 2:9).

From then on, we belong to Him. We are His people, redeemed by Christ’s sacrifice and held forever in His unfailing love. We are part of a holy nation, a chosen family—not because of who we are, but because of who He is (Ephesians 2:8–9).

What does it mean to you, personally, to belong to the family of God? How does being called out of darkness into Christ’s light shape the way you live today? In what ways can you reflect God’s unfailing love to others so they, too, might long to belong to Him?

Take a few quiet moments to thank God for calling you His own. Ask Him to deepen your joy in belonging to His family and to show you ways to extend His welcome to others. Pray for courage to live as a child of the light—confident in His love, secure in His promises, and eager to share the hope of Christ.