

Unrecognizable

Session 1 – Understanding the Distinction

1 Peter 2:9 (KJV) – *But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light;*

Isaiah 60:1-5 (KJV) – ¹*Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.* ²*For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.* ³*And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.* ⁴*Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side.* ⁵*Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee*

I. Introduction

A. Isaiah 60 unpacked

1. Light is rising upon thee
2. The Glory of the Lord is risen upon thee
3. While darkness is upon the earth – light shall be seen upon thee
4. His glory shall be SEEN upon thee
5. The Gentiles –(unsaved) will be drawn to the light/glory that they see upon thee
6. Distinction
7. God will be manifested in the earth
8. He will be manifested UPON HIS PEOPLE – You are his people
9. If the world is to See God – They must SEE him through US
10. For them to see HIM through us – there must be something different/unique about us –

- a. Conduct
 - b. Speech
 - c. Lifestyle
 - d. Blessing
- The issue – with most Christians – THE WORLD DOESN'T SEE ANYTHING DIFFERENT IN US AFTER WE GET SAVED – SO – THERE IS NO DRAW – TOWARD GOD that comes through us!
 - The Glory upon us
Glory – Heb –

B. The Glory

1. **Romans 3:23 (KJV)** – For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God
2. Glory – misconception – place – glory land – *Just over in the glory land –*
3. Glory is a state of being –
4. **Colossians 3:4 (KJV)** – When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory
5. **Romans 8:18 (KJV)** – For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us
6. **1 Thessalonians 2:12 (KJV)** – That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.
7. **2 Thessalonians 2:14 (KJV)** – Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our LORD Jesus Christ.
8. **Hebrews 2:10 (NLT)** – God, for whom and through whom everything was made, chose to bring many children into glory. And it was only right that he should make Jesus, through his suffering, a perfect leader, fit to bring them into their salvation.
9. There is the glory of the Father, Son – and....Sons of God – US
There is Glory upon the Father and Son – but...there is supposed to be glory upon us...(we must understand what this glory is)

10. Glory Def –

- a. Heb – honor, glorious abundance, riches – splendor, dignity, honorable reputation, reverence – GOOD was seen upon thee
- b. Greek – splendor – brightness –...always a good opinion of one that results in praise and honor
Excellence, dignity, and grace
The perfect inward and personal excellency of Christ
The glorious condition of blessedness into which is appointed and promised that true Christians shall enter after their Savior’s return
- c. Glory refers to the future perfected state of Christians when we shall have COMPLETION of all things – including our new bodies –
- d. Glory refers to the state of distinction that sets me apart from the citizens of this world...
- e. Glory is the goodness of God – seen upon me – and seen through me –
- f. The mark of true glory – is brightness that draws
- g. THE MORE GLORY THAT IS SEEN UPON YOU – THE LESS RECOGNIZABLE YOU ARE AS WHO YOU USED TO BE...
- h. THE MORE RECOGNIZABLE YOU ARE AS A NEW CREATION IN CHRIST.
- i. I IDENTIFY – WITH CHRIST – NOT ADAM.

II. Distinction**A. Distinction definition –**

- 1. A difference or contrast between similar things or people
- 2. Excellence that sets someone or something apart from other people.
- 3. A difference between two similar things

B. God marked HIS people with DISTINCTION –

Deuteronomy 26:17-19 (NIV) – ¹⁷You have declared this day that the LORD is your God and that you will walk in obedience to him, that you will keep his decrees, commands and laws-that you will listen to him. ¹⁸And the LORD has declared this day that you are his people,

his **treasured possession** as he promised, and that you are to keep all his commands. ¹⁹He has declared that he will set you in praise, fame and honor high above all the nations he has made and that you will be a people holy to the LORD your God, as he promised

KJV – PECULIAR – Treasured – good and special –

Deuteronomy 26:17-19 (NLT) – And if you do, he will set you high above all the other nations he has made. Then you will receive praise, honor, and renown. You will be a nation that is holy to the LORD your God, just as he promise

Deuteronomy 26:17-19 (CSB) – that he will elevate you to praise, fame, and glory above all the nations he has made, and that you will be a holy people to the LORD your God as he promised."

Deuteronomy 26:17-19 (CEV) – The LORD created all nations, but he will make you more famous than any of them, and you will receive more praise and honor. You will belong only to the LORD your God, just as he promised.

Deuteronomy 26:17-19 (YLT) – so as to make thee uppermost above all the nations whom He hath made for a praise, and for a name, and for beauty, and for thy being a holy people to Jehovah thy God, as He hath spoken.

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1 Peter 2:9 (ESV) – But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light

1 Peter 2:9 (YLT) – and ye are a choice race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people acquired, that the excellences ye may shew forth of Him who out of darkness did call you to His wondrous light;

1. We are chosen
2. We are royalty
3. We are holy!
4. We are God’s own possession
5. We are called into distinction – light vs darkness
6. We will demonstrate the goodness of God to those of this world.

C. Misconceptions about Distinction

1. I am living the less than life
2. I am giving up more than I am receiving
3. I have to live and outdated life – back in time
4. I have to look like I came over on the Mayflower
5. I can’t smile
6. I can’t have a good time
7. I have to be poor and do without

D. The DISTINCTION is a BLESSED DISTINCTION:

Deuteronomy 28:1-9 (KJV) – ¹And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: ²And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God. ³Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. ⁴Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. ⁵Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store. ⁶Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out. ⁷The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee

one way, and flee before thee seven ways. ⁸The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. ⁹The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways.

John 10:10 (KJV) – The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

- 1. Whatever God commands you to lay aside – it is always for your good**
- 2. Whatever relationships God ask you to sever – it is always for your good**
- 3. Whatever areas of my life that I am asked to consecrate unto the Lord – it will always be for my Good**
- 4. God is always working for my GOOD!**
- 5. God’s plan is always for my better and best!**

III. Introduction to the transformation process

A. Changed at the New birth –

1. My Spirit is reborn –
2. I am a new creation in Christ
3. Old things have ceased to be in my Spirit
4. My Spirit is no longer attached to SIN it is now created in the image of my father, God!

B. Transformation that can be seen

1. Change in my mind
2. Change in my actions
3. Change in my attitude
4. Cooperation required –
5. Effort required