

Our Calling as Believers

1 Peter 2:9-12 ESV

9 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. **10** Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

11 Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. **12** Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

Look back to v.4 “*as you come to him*” God works in the sinner’s heart to cause them to be willing and able to “come”. John 6:44 “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him.”

It is the effectual calling of God that brings you to repentance and faith. Notice 1Peter 1:15 2:9,21 3:9, 5:10

I. Our Calling and What it Means.

A. Chosen Race

Ephesians 1:6-7 ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace

B. A Royal Priesthood

Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service, or “is your spiritual worship”.

(1) Jesus is King. Isaiah 9:6-7 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it

(2) Jesus is our Great High Priest. Hebrews 4:14 we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God,

C. **A Holy Nation** Psalm 9:17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.

D. **God's People** Isaiah 51:16 And I have put my words in your mouth and covered you in the shadow of my hand, establishing the heavens and laying the foundations of the earth, and saying to Zion, 'You are my people.'"

(1) God's Purchased People 1Cor. 6:19-20 ¹⁹ What? know you not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, which is in you, which you have of God, and you are not your own? ²⁰ For you are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

(2) God's Favored People

(a) **Common mercy** (to everyone) Romans 2:3-5 ³ Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself that you will escape the judgment of God? ⁴ Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? ⁵ But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.

(b) **Saving Mercy** (to the redeemed)

II. **Our Calling and What it Requires.**

A. Proclaim the Excellencies of Christ v.9

(1) Proclaim – What we do - publicize, advertise, publish

(2) Excellencies - What He does- a saving work

Called you out of darkness into His marvelous light

Colossians 1:13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

B. Live a Godly Life vv.11-12