

"Chosen Outcasts"

1 Peter 1: 22 – 2: 3

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God Has Chosen A People For His Own Possession & Made Them Outcasts In The World, (vs. 2: 9 – 11)

• God's Choice Marks The Believer Out For Rejection By The World, (vs. 4 – 12)

- A. God chooses stones that are fitted to Christ & not fitted to the world, (vs. 4 – 6); *"Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. "But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. "All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. "For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. "And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. "For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day." (John 6:35-40 ESV)*
- B. Stones fitted to the world are offended by Christ not by accident but by decree, (vs. 7 – 8); *"But he looked directly at them and said, "What then is this that is written: " 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone?' "Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him." (Luke 20:17-18 ESV)*
- C. Stones fitted to Christ have been shown mercy & must remember who they were, (vs. 9 – 12); *"Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, "who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, "(2 Timothy 1:8-9 ESV)*

- God's Choice Elevates The Standard Of Conduct For The Believer Above The World's, (vs. 13 - 25)
- God's Choice Changes Who One Is Not Just What One Does, (vs. 3: 1 - 12)
- God's Choice Protects Those Who Suffer For Righteousness Sake, (vs. 13 - 22)
- God's Choice Signifies The End Of Life As We Knew It While The World Carries On, (vs. 4: 1 - 11)
- God's Choice Requires A Standard That Only The Elect Will Achieve, (vs. 12 - 19)
- God's Choice Mandates A Submission To God's Methodology, (vs. 5: 1 - 11)