

The New and Improved People of God

1 Peter 2:8-9

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You are not what you think you are; what you think, you are.

Our believed self-identity becomes our self-expression.

Peter takes great pains in our text to convince Christians of who they are.

Who are we as the chosen people of God?

God has expanded and reconstituted the people of God.

Glorious Old Covenant Descriptions of God's People

Chosen race (Deuteronomy 10:15; Isaiah 43:20; Exodus 19:5-6)

His own possession (Deuteronomy 7:6-8; 14:2; 26:18; Psalm 135:4; Malachi 3:17)

The Gospel Paradox; *simil justus et peccator*.

At the same time righteous and sinner.

Royal priesthood and a Holy Nation

Mixed metaphors.

We are to mediate the presence of God to the world. (Genesis 12:3; Deuteronomy 4:6)

We live for God in the midst of the world, they see us, and through us, they see Him.

(1 Peter 2:12)

Purpose of the New and Improved People of God

We Proclaim His Greatness

Our worship ought to sing. It needs to be excellent. Our praise is to be praiseworthy.

We are a separate people, but not an isolated people.

Glorious Old Covenant Descriptions

From Hosea - Originally applied to the people of God who had broken covenant

Peter applies it to the church

Once not a people, now you are the people of God.

Peter establishes and glories in the status of the people of God.

You must know who you are before you can be who you are.

You are God's treasured possession.