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"The People of God"

1 Peter 2:9-10

Memory Verse: 1 Peter 2:9

Introduction

- A. "The whole Christian life depends on the clear consciousness of our position in Christ" (Andrew Murray).
- B. Big Idea: As the people of God, we are who we are because of who Jesus is, and who we are in him shapes how we live.
- C. I want you to see five realities about the people of God.

I. Christians Are a People Who Are Loved by God (2:9a)

- A. "Race"—people
- B. "Chosen"—to be selected; it involves thoughtful and deliberate consideration
- C. "Long before He laid down earth's foundations, He had us in His mind, had settled on us as the focus of His love, to be made whole and holy by His holy love" (The Message Paraphrase).
- D. Romans 8:35, 37-39
- E. 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

II. Christians Are a People Who Belong to the Kingdom of God (2:9b)

- A. "Royal"—belonging to a king; suitable for a king
- B. Ephesians 1:3
- C. Matthew 27:50-51a
- D. Hebrews 4:16
- E. Christian, you have immediate access to the presence of the King. So PRAY.

III. Christians Are a People Who Are Holy before God (2:9c)

- A. Holy is who we are in Christ and what we're becoming through Christ.
- B. 1 Peter 1:14-16

IV. Christians Are a People Who Were Purchased by God (2:9d)

- A. "Possession"—to be acquired for a price; to purchase
- B. 1 Peter 1:18-19

V. Christians Are a People Who Enjoy the Mercy of God (2:10)

- A. "God's mercy is his tenderhearted, loving compassion for his people. It is his tenderness of heart towards the needy" (Millard Erickson).
- B. Lamentations 3:23-24

Conclusion

- A. "That you may PROCLAIM the excellencies of him who called YOU out of darkness into his marvelous light" (2:9e).
- B. The Gospel Definition
- C. Big Idea: As the people of God, we are who we are because of who Jesus is, and who we are in him shapes how we live.