

**Sermon Series: Sermons on Calvinism**

**Text: 1 Peter 2:9-12**

**Title: Christ Creates Cultures Through His Church**

**Christ honors the Church as a holy nation for the nations.**

**1) Christ honors the Church as a holy nation (2:9-11).**

- a) The Jewish/Gentile Church as reborn Israel (2:9a, 10)
- b) Called out of darkness—ignorance of God that led to Jewish rejection of Jesus as Messiah (2:7-8) and Gentile idolatry and immorality (1:14, 18; 4:3)
- c) Called into His marvelous light—Gift of love and faith in the revelation of God in Christ (1:8-9) that leads to obedience to the truth (1:22)
- d) Aliens and strangers—to ungodliness, not to humanity
- e) “abstain from lusts of the flesh which war against the soul”
- f) **Application:**
  - i) God has chosen you for His own pleasure, purpose, and praise.
  - ii) “Be killing sin, or it will be killing you.” John Owen

**2) Christ honors the Church for the nations (2:12).**

- a) Attractive Conduct—“keeping your conduct among the gentiles honorable”—good, beautiful
- b) Compelling Conduct—“so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation”
- c) **Application:**
  - i) Christian conduct toward government (2:13-17)
  - ii) Christian conduct toward masters (2:18-25)
  - iii) Christian conduct toward husband or wife (3:1-7)
  - iv) Christian conduct toward hostile society (3:8-17)
  - v) Proclaiming the praises of Christ in every sphere of life is culture-making (2:9).
  - vi) The Church gathered for worship and formation is the “spiritual house” where we are equipped for mission among the nations (2:5).