

Chosen People Proclaiming the Praises of God (1 Peter 2:9-10)

- Peter is writing to the persecuted Christians throughout Asia Minor
- He wants them to remember Jesus Christ is the cornerstone of their faith
- People will stumble over Him, but in Him we are a holy priesthood
- In the NC we are able to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God

I. What Kind of People Has God made us in Christ?

Peter describes shame & destruction of those who reject Christ (2: 8)

Peter now says, "*but you*" that is those Christians scattered in Asia Minor

Peter uses 5 images from the OT to describe & define who Christians are

Exodus 19:5-8; Isaiah 43:20,21; Hosea 2:23

1. *A Chosen Race*
2. *A Royal Priesthood*
3. *A Holy Nation*
4. *God's Special Possession*
5. *Set Apart as the people of God because of God's great mercy*

II. To What Are God's "New People" Called?

- After describing our marvelous position in Christ, what does that mean?
- What has God qualified us in Christ to do through the Holy Spirit?
- Proclaim His praises who called us out of darkness into glorious light
- Apostles experienced this at Pentecost, being filled with the Holy Spirit
- They powerfully declared the "mighty works of God" to many nations