

## 1 PETER

### Believers, the People of God

#### 1 Peter 2:9-12

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### 1. God has done such a glorious work in believers that they \_\_\_\_\_ to Him in a special way.

a. The excellent state of every Christian:

- 1) All believers are \_\_\_\_\_ by God so they are one family in union with Christ.
- 2) All believers belong to Christ as their \_\_\_\_\_ and they represent Him to the world.
- 3) All believers are \_\_\_\_\_ to God and are therefore dedicated to His service.
- 4) All believers belong to God because they have been \_\_\_\_\_ by Christ and He delights in them.

b. Christians have been delivered out of the darkness and bondage of sin, into the marvelous \_\_\_\_\_ of God's merciful salvation.

### 2. God has called believers to \_\_\_\_\_ His excellencies to a world that lives in darkness.

a. Christians have to remember that they are \_\_\_\_\_ in regard to cultures that live in rebellion to the Lord.

b. To rightly proclaim the excellencies of God requires an ongoing \_\_\_\_\_ with personal sin.

1) As people who are dearly \_\_\_\_\_, believers must daily hold themselves back from sinful desires.

2) The fight against sin is serious because it is a \_\_\_\_\_ for the souls of men.

c. In addition to weakening the power of sin in the heart, believers must also give careful attention to their \_\_\_\_\_—especially among non-believers.

*“The more wicked the society be, with whom it is the believers' lot to converse, the more should they be stirred up to the study of an honest conversation.”*

*- Alexander Nisbet*

d. The Lord may well use the godly behavior of believers to cause non-believers to reflect on the Lord and so prepare them for the day God will visit them and bring His saving \_\_\_\_\_ to them.

*“The children of the Lord should not lose their hopes nor quit their endeavors of gaining the greatest \_\_\_\_\_ to God or themselves, among whom they live, considering how soon and easily the Lord can make a change upon them.”*

*- Alexander Nisbet*