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**Title: A Privileged People**

**Text: I Peter 2:9, 10**

“But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

<sup>10</sup> who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.”

## **Introduction**

Most people understand ‘privilege’ as a benefit, advantage, or favor granted and is often attached to a position or an office.

The apostle Peter wrote to the believers that were challenged in their faith and stand in Jesus Christ by alluding that they are really privileged people.

This was a great encouragement for them to remain steadfast and faithful in their Christian life.

## **Outline**

In I Peter 2:9, 10, the apostle Peter describes the church or believers as a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God.

Through these terms God desires the believer and church to understand His wisdom and kindness towards them.

### **I. What God reckons you as ... a chosen generation (and precious to Him) vs 4, 9**

- Different from what the world reckons you ... (I Corinthians 1:18-31)
- Christ in you, adds value to your life ... (II Corinthians 5:17; Romans 8)

God has made you a winner and not a loser ... you may lose in the things of this world but you will win in Christ Jesus!

## **II. What God purposed you for ... a royal (holy) priesthood, (a spiritual house) vv 5,9 Proclaim His marvelous light!**

- God has made you to be capable to draw others to Himself ... (Ephesians 2:10)
- Your life is an open book to others on His behalf ... (II Corinthians 3:2,3)

God's purpose is for you to show Him off, not yourself ... when Christ lives in you people will see the Father and will be drawn to Him!

## **III. What God makes you to be ... a people belonging to God vv 3, 10**

- We can and need to taste of His goodness more ... (II Corinthians 9:8; 12:9)
- A sense of belonging grows as one draws closer to Him ... (Philippians 3:10-14)

God is eternal and ever present, He moves in our life so that we can be His beings because if we do it on our own we never know who we belong to ... we are His children, His sheep, His people, His family, etc.

## **Conclusion**

***“And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.” I Peter 2:6b***

You are a privileged people because of what God has granted to you through the Gift of His Son, Jesus Christ!