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12/31/23

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1 Peter 2:9-12 (NIV)

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1. Who Are We?

A. Chosen

- “Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God’s elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.” (Peter 1:1-2)
- “For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession.” (Deuteronomy 7:6)

B. A Holy Nation

- “‘Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.” (Exodus 19:5-6)
- “As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: ‘Be holy, because I am holy.’” (1 Peter 1:14-16)

C. God’s Special Possession

- “My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.” (John 10:27-30)

D. Called From Darkness to Light

- “The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.” (Isaiah 9:2)

2. How Should We Then Live

A. Declaring God’s Praises

- “The people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.” (Isaiah 43:21)

- "You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God!'" (Isaiah 40:9)

B. Hungering for God's Word

- "Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good." (1 Peter 2:2-3)
- "Endless nibbling at the table of the world dulls our appetite for God." (John Piper)

C. As Citizens of a Heavenly Kingdom

- As citizens of Christ's heavenly kingdom we are like... "a man who was away from home in a strange land, and whose thoughts ever turned home." (William Barclay)
- The Christian... "must never become so entangled in the world that he cannot escape from its grip." (William Barclay)
- "Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever." (1 John 2:15-17)

D. In Moral Purity

- "The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God." (Galatians 5:19-21)

This Week @ Crossview

Sun 12/31	8:00am – Prayer Meeting (<i>Prayer Room</i>) 8:45am & 10:30am – Worship Services
Wed 1/3	Noon – Weekly Wed Prayer Meeting Resumes (<i>Prayer Room</i>) <i>NO APEX</i>
Sun 1/7	8:00am – Prayer Meeting (<i>Prayer Room</i>) 8:45am & 10:30am – Worship Services

Coming Soon

Wed 1/10	5:45-7:00pm – BLAST OFF Kids Resumes (<i>Pre-K – Grade 5, 2nd & 4th Weds</i>) 6:30-8:30pm – APEX Students Resumes (<i>Grades 6-12</i>)
Fri 1/12	2:30pm – APEX Departs for Districts Conference (<i>Return 1/14 at 2pm</i>)
Sat 1/20	7:00-8:00am – Men's Breakfast
Sat 2/3	8:00am-1:00pm – Men's NO REGRETS Conference

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