

WHAT GOD HAS CALLED HIS PEOPLE TO **BE**

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1Pe 2:9 But ye *are* a **chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people**; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

1Pe 2:10 Which in time past *were* not a people, but *are* now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

1Pe 2:11 Dearly beloved, I beseech *you* as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

1. **What the law could not do and did not fully accomplish: was fulfilled in the Lord Jesus Christ and in his church.**

Rom 8:1 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Rom 8:3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

Rom 8:4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Gal 3:24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster *to bring us* unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

Gal 3:25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

THINGS GOD WANTED ISREAL TO BE

1. **Chosen Generation**: A special people - סגולה segullah, - Septuagint, λαον περιουσιον, - a peculiar people, a private property.

Deu 7:6 For thou *art* an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that *are* upon the face of the earth.

Joh 15:16 **Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you,** and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* Father in my name, he may give it you. your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the

1Pe 2:9 “...who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:”

1Co 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, **and ye are not your own?**

1Co 6:20 **For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.**

2. **Peculiar People**: “Piculiar (pecuniary) comes from a Latin word which meant Movable treasures not attached to real estate. Such as “Jewels.” The emphasis here is on portability.

Mal 3:17 And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

Heb 11:13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of *them*, and embraced *them*, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

Heb 11:14 For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.

Heb 11:15 And truly, if they had been mindful of that *country* from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

Heb 11:16 But now they desire a better *country*, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

3. **Royal Priesthood**: (Kingdom of priests) The nation is to function mediatorially between God and the rest of the world.

Exo 19:6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These *are* the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

- a. **Israel rejected this role** and requested Moses to go to the mount as their representative.
- b. **What Israel rejected**, the church excepted and become that royal priesthood.

The sacrifice of thanksgiving is to take the place of the animal sacrifice. For the emphasis on thanksgiving in New Testament is praise. (1Th 5:18 - Will (*θέλημα*) In the sense of requirement)

1Th 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

1Pe 2:5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

Heb 13:15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of *our* lips giving thanks to his name.

4. **Holy Nation**: **an holy nation** — set apart to preserve the knowledge and worship of God. Set apart to be a holy people, to

serve a holy God. And set apart from the sin to be an example of Gods holiness in their personal life to a lost world.

2Co 3:2 Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:

2Co 3:3 *Forasmuch as ye are* manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.

- a. That they should be both a kingdom, having God for their governor; and a nation, a multitude of peoples connected together; not a scattered, disordered, and disorganized people, but a royal nation, using their own rites, living under their own laws, subject in religious matters only to God, and in things civil, to every ordinance of man for God's sake.

Eph 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

Eph 5:27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

- b. **He desires that every nation be part of His Holy Nation:**

Act 10:34 Then Peter opened *his* mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

Act 10:35 But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

Rev 5:9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

Rev 5:10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

“I WILL SEE YOU THERE? RIGHT?”