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***"A Chosen Generation."* (KJV) *"Elect race."* (ASV)**

- ▶ Identity in the OT Exodus 19:5-6; Deuteronomy 7:6-7
  - Broken off because of unbelief. cf. Romans 11:20; Matthew 21:43
- ▶ Identity in the NT
  - ALL who are called out of darkness into light. 1 Peter 2:9; cf. Galatians 3:26-29; Acts 2:21
  - Called by the gospel. 2 Thessalonians 2:14; Mark 16:15
  - The church. Galatians 6:16 Christians. cf. Romans 2:28-29

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***"A Royal Priesthood."***

- ▶ Identity in the OT cf. Exodus 19:6
  - Specific priesthood. Exodus 40:15
- ▶ Identity in the NT
  - The elect. 1 Peter 1:1
  - Those who offer sacrifices to God through Christ. 1 Peter 2:5; Revelation 1:5; Romans 12:1
  - *"Royal"* because of their relationship to the king.

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***"A Holy Nation."***

- ▶ Identity in the OT Exodus 19:6; Deuteronomy 7:6; 26:18-19
  - Separated. Leviticus 20:24, 26; 1 Kings 8:53
  - God was their King. cf. 1 Samuel 8:7
- ▶ Identity in the NT
  - Christians – belong to the monarchy of Christ. cf. Matthew 28:18; Citizens Hebrews 12:28

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***"A Peculiar People"* (KJV) *"A People For God's Own Possession."* (ASV)**

- *"Peculiar"* – "something acquired, gained, ... includes the idea of preserving, keeping to one's self." (Woods)
- ▶ Identity in the OT Israel. Deuteronomy 26:18; Exodus 19:5; Deuteronomy 7:6
- ▶ Identity in the NT Christians
  - Bought with a price. Acts 20:28; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Titus 2:14; 1 Peter 1:18-19

## Obligations Of God's People – 1 Peter 2:9-10

***"That ye may show forth..."***

- "To declare abroad, divulge, publish ... to make known by praising or proclaiming, to celebrate ." (Thayer)

***"The excellencies of Him ..."***

- "Intrinsic eminence, moral goodness, virtue," (a) of God, 1 Peter 2:9" (W.E. Vine) cf. Romans 5:8
- HOW?
  - Illustrate: 2 Kings 7:3-9; Luke 2:20
  - Living godly lives. Matthew 5:13-16; Philippians 2:14-16

## Motives Of God's People

- 1 Peter 2:9-10

### A constant remembrance of **WHERE** we were.

*"Who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light." cf. Colossians 1:13-14*

- ▶ Darkness - Domain of Satan. Acts 26:16-16; cf. Ephesians 4-5
- ▶ Light - Domain of Christ. John 1; 1 John 1

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### A constant remembrance of **WHAT** we were.

*"Who in time past were no people, but now are the people of God." cf. Hosea 2:23; Romans 9:25-26*

- ▶ Describes the condition of all outside of Christ. Ephesians 2:12  
Christless, Stateless, Homeless, Hopeless, Godless!

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## Motives Of God's People

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### A constant remembrance of what we have **OBTAINED**.

*"Who had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy." (pity, compassion)*

*cf. Romans 5:8-9; 1 Peter 1:3*

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- ▶ **Identity:** *"But ye are an elect race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for (God's) own possession,"*
- ▶ **Obligation:** *"that ye may show forth the excellencies of him ..."*
- ▶ **Motives:** *"who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: who in time past were no people, but now are the people of God: who had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy."*

**Remember!**

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