

Outline #3 Our Identity in Christ: A Chosen Generation, a Royal Priesthood, a Holy Nation, His Own Special People.

Scripture Song: You Are a Chosen Generation (1 Peter 2:9)

1. Living as a Christian

- a) 1 Peter 2:1, first word? Therefore.
- b) 1 Peter 2:1–3. Not this, but this.
- c) If salvation is all of grace through faith, why does it matter how we live as Christians?
- d) Why is the Word of God so important for our growth as followers of Jesus? (v.2) (See also 2 Timothy 3:15–17)
- e) Why is it not enough to simply put off bad thoughts and actions? (Matthew 12:43–45)

2. Coming to Jesus, the Living Stone

- a) 1 Peter 2:4–8. Why is it important to remember that coming to Jesus is not a one-time event but a daily, moment by moment experience?
- b) We come to Him knowing He has already chosen us and we are precious to Him. How many of you grew up knowing how precious you were to God?
- c) What are your thoughts about being a “living stone” in the temple Jesus is building where He is the chief Cornerstone?

3. A chosen generation, royal priesthood, holy nation

- a) 1 Peter 2:9–10 (see Exodus 19:6)
- b) What responsibilities come with such an honored status, both for us as individuals and as a community of faith?
- c) Share some examples from the New Testament church of individuals who did not live up to their holy calling.
 - i) Judas, John 12:4–6

ii) Ananias and Sapphira, Acts 5:1–2

iii) Demas, 2 Timothy 4:10

iv) Others?

d) How can we, as Christians, live up to our holy calling as God’s own special people?

i) Acts 1:8

ii) Galatians 2:20

iii) Philippians 2:12–13

e) Share a time when you allowed God to work in you “both to will and to do according to His good pleasure”.

4. Proclaiming His praises

- a) 1 Peter 2:9–12 (see Deuteronomy 26:18–19; Isaiah 60:1–3)
- b) What is the darkness out of which we have been called? (Ephesians 2:1–7; Ephesians 5:8; John 3:19—not just a place but a condition)
- c) Who is blessed when we give praise to God for calling us out of darkness into His marvelous light?
- d) Share your testimony of praise to God for calling you out of darkness into His marvelous light.
- e) How have you “tasted that the Lord is gracious”?

