

CHOSEN

TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE

1 PETER 2:9

We're Chosen We're Special

1 Peter 2:4-10

Special You

The People of God have always been special

God called Israel to be Distinct

Genesis 12:1-3 the LORD had said to Abram: I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Exodus 19:5-6 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth *is* Mine. ⁶ And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’

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Deut 7:6-8 “For you *are* a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth.

God's Restored People

Malachi 3:1-2 “Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming,” Says the LORD of hosts.

3:16-18 “They shall be Mine,” says the LORD of hosts, “On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them As a man spares his own son who serves him.”¹⁸ Then you shall again discern Between the righteous and the wicked, Between one who serves God And one who does not serve Him.

Christians called to be saints

Romans 1:6-7 among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ; ⁷ To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called *to be* saints:

Romans 12:1-2 I beseech^[a] you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

God's Own Special People

Titus 2:11-14 that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people, zealous for good works.

1 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; ¹⁰ who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God

What makes us special

John 14:23 “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

James 1:18-25 Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures. 21 Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

We have God and His Word

1 John 5:19-20 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies *under the sway* of the wicked one. ²⁰ And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ.

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