

## I Peter 2:9-10

*Gentiles Are Chosen, Priests, An Holy Nation Under The New Law Of Christ*

### I. Introduction:

A. God has not cast away Israel totally, the builders that rejected Christ, but through their fall salvation has come to the Gentiles (**Romans 11:7-11**).

1. Simply meaning... **Acts 13:45-48** and **Acts 18:1-6**

2. Understand that, the plan was never to include the Gentiles to the exclusion of the Jews (**Romans 11:1-6**; cf. **Isaiah 49:1-6** and **Luke 2:22-32**).

3. Again, as we have discussed multiple times in these lessons, the promise to Abraham was for “*all the nations*” (**Genesis 22:18**).

B. Just remember, as we keep talking about, it was God’s plan all along that Gentiles would be saved (**Isaiah 11:1-10**; cf. **Romans 15:8-12**).

1. From the cross forward (**Galatians 3:13-14**).

2. Though it was a mystery in the past (**Ephesians 3:1-11**).

II. Body: *“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: 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”* (**I Peter 2:9-10**).

A. A chosen [elect] generation (**I Peter 1:1-2**).

1. The word translated “generation” [γένος] is defined: “1) kindred; 1a) offspring; 1b) family; 1c) stock, tribe, nation; 1c1) i.e. nationality or descent from a particular people; 1d) the aggregate of many individuals of the same nature, kind, sort” (Thayer’s Greek-English Lexicon; Strong’s # 1085). Cf. **Mark 7:26** [nation], **Acts 7:13** [kindred], and **Acts 17:29** [offspring].

2. This is assurance to us Gentiles that we can be saved (**Acts 2:21**, **Acts 28:28**, **Romans 1:16-17**, and **Romans 10:13**).

B. A priesthood, holy nation, and peculiar people which in the past was Israel’s place (**Exodus 19:3-6**).

1. We have discussed part of this contextually already (**I Peter 2:5**).

2. Being made holy (**Ephesians 1:1-4**).

3. A peculiar people [“purchased possession”; “to the saving” (Strong’s 4047)] (**Ephesians 1:14** and **Hebrews 10:39**).

C. As a peculiar people, show forth praises [virtue; moral goodness; excellence] of Him (**Titus 2:11-14**).

1. The life of a faithful Christian should glorify God (**Matthew 5:14-16** and **I Peter 4:8-11**).

2. God had done His part showing His excellence to the world by what He has done toward our salvation (**Ephesians 1:5-6**).

D. Called out of darkness into HIS marvellous light (**Acts 26:13-20**).

1. Called by the Gospel (**II Thessalonians 2:14**). *\*Note: "Obtaining" in the aforementioned verse is same Greek word translated "peculiar" in our study.*

2. Think about the phrasing "*into his marvellous light*" (**Ephesians 5:8-11**, **Colossians 1:12-13**, and **I John 1:1-7**).

E. In times not a people, but now have obtained mercy in becoming the people of God (**Ephesians 2:1-17**).

1. As we talked about in our last lesson, it was God's choosing (**Romans 9:15-16**).

2. All of this was/is working toward salvation even for the Jews (**Romans 11:25-33**).

3. Now, those who were not the people of God can be (**Hosea 2:23** and **Romans 9:24-25**).

4. Just remember, not to the exclusion of others (**Matthew 28:18-20**, **Romans 2:10**, **Romans 3:29-30**, **Galatians 3:26-29**, and **Colossians 3:10-11**).

III. Conclusion: *"Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation"* (**I Peter 2:11-12**).