



*A Great*

SALVATION

*Part 14*

***5 Encouraging Aspects of Salvation***

***1 Peter 2:4-10***

We have learned about the *gospel, salvation, redemption, peace and hope, adoption, being eternally secure in Christ, deliverance, the image of God, and being reconciled and purified.* Last time we looked at being ***Holy Ambassadors for His Glory***. God calls us to be holy because He is **HOLY**. We represent Him everywhere we go, in everything we do, all for Him because *He loves us.*

**1 Peter 2:4-10** - As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, 5you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and

whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” 7So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” 8and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. 9But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy

nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

## A. 2:4-8 - The Context

Jesus was the *chosen* or *elect* One. Peter mentioned "*a spiritual house...*"

He quotes ***Isaiah 28:16***. There, God through Isaiah proclaims judgment on the northern and Kingdoms about 700BC. God addresses scoffers in *verse 14*, speaks of His remnant and Isaiah uses many phrases to state God's deliverance is worth believing in...

## A. 2:4-8 - The Context

**Psalm 118:22.** Historically, this was part of the *Hillel* or *Praise*, sung during Passover. This is about the approach the gates of the city in a procession. Jesus sung this, about Himself, His death and more. He is ***The Stone*** which the builders rejected...

## A. 2:4-8 - The Context

**Isaiah 8:14.** The Lord told Isaiah not to walk in the same way the people did, nor fear what the people feared. God said then to honor Him and He "*will become a sanctuary, a stone of offense and a rock of stumbling to both houses of Israel...*" Peter shows the **fulfillment in Christ**, God in human flesh was rejected by His own people, specifically by the leadership...

## **B. 2:9a - A Chosen Race**

**...*Deuteronomy 7:6-8*** - For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.7It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest

## **B. 2:9a - A Chosen Race**

of all peoples, 8but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

## B. 2:9a - A Chosen Race

God tells the second generation of Jews in Deuteronomy why God chose them, as a group. This is **election** in Scripture, for ***God's purpose***. Peter quotes this and says to his Jewish audience, "*you*" are a "*chosen race*." The word "*you*" is plural... God chose Israel as a nation to bring the Messiah through and His word through. That was the *purpose for the nation*.

## **C. 2:9b - A Royal Priesthood**

**Exodus 19:5-6** - "'Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; 6and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

## C. 2:9b - A Royal Priesthood

God told Moses to tell the people He (God) freed them and carried them and if they will obey Him, then they will be *His people, His treasure and a kingdom of priests*. This has 2 parts: **Royalty** and **Priesthood**. **Royalty**: God would make them a nation *respected by others* if they *obeyed* Him. There were many kings in their history, some good and some bad...

## **C. 2:9b - A Royal Priesthood**

**Priesthood:** He calls the Jewish believers a *Priesthood...*

They came before God on behalf of the people, offering sacrifices. They were the *teachers of the Law*. Peter called the *Jewish believers* as a group, a *royal priesthood*. They *represented others before God...*

## D. 2:9c - A Holy Nation

*God chose or elected Israel as a nation, as His own. They were to be different than the world. They worshipped the One true God, had a different diet, different customs and practices and were to influence the world for the Lord and not vice versa! They were set apart from the world to and for God...*

## **D. 2:9c - A Holy Nation**

Peter explains in *verse 9b*, *...that you may proclaim the excellencies of him...* - This is a combination of Old Testament phrases:. Again, "you" is in the plural and "proclaim" means to *proclaim widely*. We are to publicly and boldly *proclaim His praises, excellencies, worthiness or His superiorities in salvation* as His people!

## E. 2:9d - Called for a Purpose

They were and we are to ***proclaim His excellencies***. Why? Because He called them, and us, *...out of darkness into His light*. Out of *gratitude and love*, we proclaim Him! That is the purpose for which God saved the Jewish remnant Peter wrote to. They were called or had a special assignment given to them by God!

## **E. 2:9d - Called for a Purpose**

The phrases *darkness and light* used by Peter are alluded to in ***Isaiah 43:20-21 and Isaiah 9:2***, referring to *Messiah and the Gentiles*.

Without Christ, we are in darkness - the *kingdom of satan*.

***Colossians 1:13*** - He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son...

## **E. 2:9d - Called for a Purpose**

**2 Thessalonians 2:13-14** - But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you (*plural*) as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth (*God's sovereignty and human responsibility*). To this He called you (*plural*) through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## F. 2:10 - God's People

**Hosea 1:8-10** - ...she (*Gomer his wife*) conceived and bore a son. 9And the LORD said, "Call his name Not My People, for you are not my people, and I am not your God." 10 Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured or numbered. And in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God..."

## **F. 2:10 - God's People**

Hosea is *talking about the Jewish people*, a covenant nation, judged by God during the Babylonian captivity. Though they *were His*, they were kicked out of the Land and became "*not His people*." Peter uses the *same imagery* for Jews outside and inside of *Messiah* in His day. Some *rejected the Messiah* because of *disobedience*. But, those who trusted in Christ, became His people.

## F. 2:10 - God's People

In *Ephesians 2:11-22*, Paul talks to the **Gentiles**. He said they (2:12) ...were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. - *Jewish and Gentile believers* before believing in Christ, had **not** received mercy but now have in Him!

## F. 2:10 - God's People

There is a **greater purpose** for which *God saves us and works through us*. His goal is to bring *Jew and Gentile*, all peoples and nations, *to Him in the Kingdom*. That is what *He is doing and we get to be a part of that...*