

Series: Our Most Compelling Quest

Sermon: Our Spiritual Privilege

Verses: 1 Peter 2:9-12

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Verse 9

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

1. We who believe are _____.

Main Point: I may think I'm the _____, but I'm actually a _____.

... _____ is a Priest!

Exodus 19:5-6

Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.'

2. Israel initially _____ God's desire for them all to be Priests (except for Levites). Later, Christ _____ the concept of all believers being priests; will you live up to that?
3. The purpose of being a _____ is to "declare the praises of him who called you." Basically, that means our purpose is to _____ God, and _____ to God by telling others.

Reiterate: Our goal, as Priests, is to _____ the worship of God by _____.

Verse 10

Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

4. We must remember that at one time we _____ part of God's family, but now _____.

The purpose for remembering is twofold:

- A. To remind us that we came from the _____ that non-Christians are in today
- B. To remind us not to _____ into sin (verse 11)

Verse 11

Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul.

5. Sins that we commit are not merely a _____, but part of _____.

Verse 12

Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

6. The Spiritual war between doing right or wrong, is often there to _____ non-Christians.

Let's actually do something about it!

Step 1: find someone who doesn't know Christ

Step 2: make friends with them

Step 3: help them make friends here

Step 4: continue to be there friend and **watch God work in their life** as you stay with them.