



SERMON OUTLINE

NOTES

I. A STARK CONTRAST BETWEEN BELIEVERS AND UNBELIEVERS (1 PETER 2:8-10)

A. Unbelievers are destined to stumble over Jesus because of disobedience **(1 Peter 2:8)**

1. Faith and obedience go hand-in-hand **(Hebrews 3:19; 4:6)**

2. Unbelievers stumble over Jesus as they were destined to **(1 Peter 2:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:9)**

B. Believers are honored with a new identity as God's people **(1 Peter 2:9-10; Exodus 19:5-6)**

1. We are a chosen race **(1 Peter 2:9; 1 Peter 1:1)**

2. We are a royal priesthood **(1 Peter 2:9; 1 Peter 2:5)**

3. We are a holy nation **(1 Peter 2:9; 1 Peter 1:14-16)**

4. We are a people for His own possession **(1 Peter 2:9; Titus 2:14; 1 Peter 1:18-19)**

5. We are the people of God **(1 Peter 2:10; 2 Corinthians 6:14-16; Exodus 6:7; Jeremiah 31:33; Revelation 21:3-4)**

II. WE HAVE A GOD-GIVEN IDENTITY AND PURPOSE (1 PETER 2:8-10)

A. Our identity is given to us from God, and so everything about us ought to be aligned with God **(1 Peter 2:9-10; Galatians 1:10)**

B. Our purpose is to make the excellencies of God known **(1 Peter 2:9; Ephesians 5:8; 2:1-5)**

1. We make the excellencies of God known in the church **(Psalm 40:9-10)**

2. We make the excellencies of God known in the world **(Matthew 28:19-20)**

1 PETER 2:8-10

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*“A stone of stumbling,
and a rock of offense.”*

*They stumble because they
disobey the word, as they
were destined to do.*

*⁹ But 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. ¹⁰ Once you
were not a people, but now
you are God’s people; once
you had not received mercy,
but now you have received
mercy.*

SERMON REFLECTIONS

1. What is an identity? Why do you think people need a sense of identity?

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2. Peter writes that believers are honored with five descriptions of our Christian identity. Which of the five do you consider to be especially meaningful to you? Why?

3. What does it mean that we were once not a people but now we are the people of God?

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4. How can being a “holy people” shape the way we live in the world?

5. What are some ways you can proclaim the excellencies of God as an individual? What might that look like in a church worship setting?