

1 PETER: A HOLY PEOPLE – WEEK 25

TITLE: Believers as the People of God MAIN SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: 1 Peter 2:8–10 SPEAKER: Pastor Phil Ward

. 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)

WORDS I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND

SOMETHING NEW TO ME

WHAT I HEARD ABOUT THE GOSPEL

SERMON REFLECTIONS

 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?

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD I HEARD (CIRCLE THE ONES MENTIONED)

| Good | Wise | Wrathful | Merciful |
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| Just | Jealous | Faithful | Perfect |
| Holy | Gracious | Patient | Love |
| Other: | | | |

KEY WORDS (WRITE WHAT THESE WORDS MEAN)

Destiny/Destined —

ldentity –

Excellencies -

NOTES OR DRAWINGS ABOUT WHAT I HEARD

2. How can being a "holy people" shape the way we live in the world?