

Christians Are Different

- 1 Peter 2:1-10 -

- A. People in general are different from one another, and we accept that. Can we accept how different Christians are?
- B. If you are a Christian (1) _____ yourself to the difference, (2) Do not be _____ ...
- C. The distinct relationship we have with God and Christ is found in **1 Peter 2:1-10**...
- D. What troubles the world is the higher level of the kingdom verses the world. This is one of the reasons for the ridicule and mockery aimed at Christians. Are we to be ashamed of that? It is important we have God's view of being a Christian...

1. “ _____ ”

- A. Chosen **FOR** himself, “*an elect race*” (ASV).
- B. Israel was an elect race (**Ex 19:5**)
- C. “ _____ *are called, but few* _____ ” (Mt 22:14)
- D. The reason more are not chosen is **1 Cor 1:26,27**...
- E. The “chosen” are part of a clan or race by faith (**Gal 3:26**)...
- F. We have been chosen by God (**Eph 1:3-5**).
- G. Being chosen affects your approach to life.

2. “ _____ ”

- A. Priesthood is an order or fraternity, a brotherhood. (**1 Pet 2:5**) B. Christians are to live royal lives...
- C. Royalty is shared with Jesus (**Rom 8:14-17**)
- D. What makes Christians so different is sanctification (**Exo 19:22; Lev 10:3; 1 Pet 1:16,17**).

3. “ _____ ”

- A. Nation is a tribe, community, kinship, family... “Holy” makes this a sacred family that is exclusively God's...
- B. This was choosing of Israel in **Deut 7:6**...
- C. The reason this nation is HOLY is because of **1 Pet 1:14-17**...
- D. Do we want to be a HOLY nation or like the other “nations” around us (**1 Sam 8:4-7; 1 Pet 3:15; 2 Cor 6:14-18**)...

4. “ _____ ”

- A. Israel was God's “own possession” above all the other nations (**Exo 19:5; Deut 7:6**)
- B. In the New Testament, “church” in the Greek is ‘ekklesia’ meaning “a calling out” (Strong) (**Matt 16:18; Acts 13:1; 1 Cor 1:2**)...
- C. The church which contains the saved are “a calling out” of “darkness” (**1 Pet 2:9**) to be God's own possession. We were once **NO** people, but now **ARE** the people of God (v.10).
- D. God purchased us as His “own possession” with the blood of His Son Jesus (**Acts 20:28; 1 Cor 6:19,20**)..
- E. As His possession, we are ambassadors for Christ (**2 Cor 5:20**) subject to him in “*whatsoever ye do, in word or in deed...*” (**Col 3:17**). Let us glorify God in this name (**1 Pet 4:16**).
- F. Our responsibility as “God's own possession” is to “*show forth the excellencies of him...*” (v.9), which includes “*abstaining from fleshly lusts which war against the soul*” (v.11)...
- G. Are you God's view of a Christian?