

Chosen Race

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1 Peter 2:9 (ESV)

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.

Last week we learned that believers were living stones being built up into a spiritual house. Here we see that believers are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession. This comes directly from the OT.

Deuteronomy 7:6 (ESV)

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.

We are God's own possession, HIS treasured possession, a chosen race, a Holy nation. There are two races of people. the Christian race and the non-Christian race. God's holy nation is the church. Jesus and the church are the only unifying possibility for this world. In my humble opinion these verses warn that the Critical Race Theory that is being promoted brings division among races and is demonic at its very core. Therefore, it is important to see that 1Peter starts this section with, "But you." This means there is a very different prospect between unbelievers and believers. With the "But you" God is proclaiming the privileged status of the Christian church. God identifies believers as the chosen race.

Again, this comes from the OT.

Deuteronomy 14:2 (ESV)

For you are a people holy to the LORD your God, and the LORD has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

This is a further reminder of the new birth, whereby Christians have been brought into the divine family and thus become the Chosen Race. Furthermore, believers are a royal priesthood. This priesthood is applying to all believers. Thus, believers, the Christian Church, are a new spiritual race and a new spiritual **priesthood, so and a new spiritual **nation** which is not based on ethnic identity but on allegiance to Jesus Christ, who is truly King of kings. As members of a holy nation, all believers are *set apart* for God. **This is a worldwide, spiritual race belonging to God.** As God's chosen race, we have the unified purpose for which God has chosen for us. **We declare the praises of HIM who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light.****

At one time we belonged to the cumulative lost people of the world, but God made believers, the church, a Holy nation a people of God.

1 Peter 2:10 (ESV)

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.

Through Jesus Christ, God made us HIS people, HIS Holy nation. The Jerusalem temple of stone is now replaced by the living stones of the new spiritual temple of believers. The old priesthood is now replaced by a royal priesthood shared by all believers, who enjoy direct personal access to God. The OT sacrifices are now replaced by our sacrifice of praise. No more dead sacrifices. Only believers, the church, as living sacrifices presented to God.

God's chosen race is the body of Christian believers. Both Jew and Gentile have the divine blessings as God's people available through Jesus the Messiah. DOVE International Conference a great example of the worldwide chose race!

1Peer 2:9-10 answers three questions:

- 1. Based on the Scripture is the church essential?**
- 2. Based on the Scripture is it appropriate to divide the races through Critical Race Theory?**
- 3. Base on the Scripture who is the Chosen Race, the Holy Nation, and God's own possession?**

Therefore, with the whole believing church we as the chosen race declare:

1 Corinthians 2:2 (ESV)

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.