

The Chosen Generation

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Introduction

1 Pet. 2:9-11 “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts, which wage war against the soul.”

I. Our Generational Identity

Generational Characteristic # 1. We are a chosen race Is 43:10, 20; 1 Pet. 1:23
“a chosen race” = Greek: genos eklekton = common ancestry

Generational Characteristic # 2. We are a royal priesthood 1 Pet 2:5; Ex. 19:5-6
“a royal priesthood” = Greek: basileion hierateuma

Generational Characteristic # 3. We are a holy nation Phil. 3:20-21; Eph. 2:19
“a holy nation” = Greek: ethnos hagion = a separate, consecrated, distinct community of people

Generational Characteristic # 4. We are a people for God's own possession
“people for God's own possession” = Greek: laos eis peripoiesin = people treasured by God

Ex. 19:5; Deut. 7:6; 14:2; 26:18; Is. 43:21; Mal. 3:17; 1 Cor. 6:20 ; 7:23 ; Titus 2:14; Eph. 1:14; Acts 20:28

Generational Characteristic # 5. We have been called out of darkness
1 Peter 2:9 “...that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light...” Ps. 34:5; 1 Thess. 5:5; Col. 1:12-13

Generational Characteristic # 6. We are the people of God
1 Pet 2:10 “...for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God (Greek: laos theou)...” cf. Hos. 1:6, 9-10; 2:23; 2 Cor. 6:16-17; Lev. 26:12; Jer. 32:38; Ez. 37:27; Heb.8:7-13; Jer. 31:31-34; Rom. 11:13-27

Generational Characteristic # 7. We are objects of mercy
1 Peter 2:10 “...you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.”
cf. 1 Pet. 1:3; 2:11-12

Generational Characteristic # 8. We are the beloved of God
1 Pet. 2:11 “Beloved (Greek: agapetoi) , I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts, which wage war against the soul.”

II. Our Generational Responsibility

1 Peter 2:9 “...that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him...”

“proclaim” = Greek: exangeilete = announce, advertise

“excellencies” = Greek: tas aretas = His virtues, perfections, manifestations of His glory and attributes, miraculous powers, wonderful deeds and praises. Cf. Is. 43:21; Acts 26:18; Eph. 5:8; Col. 1:13-14