



"A Royal Priesthood" (Part 8)

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1 Peter 2:9



4 And coming to Him as the Living Stone, having been rejected by men—but chosen by God and precious [to Him]. **5** You also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. **6** For it is contained in Scripture: BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A CHOSEN STONE, A PRECIOUS CORNERSTONE; AND THE ONE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NEVER BE PUT TO SHAME. **7** This honor, therefore, is for you who believe. But for those who disbelieve: THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER. **8** And: A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE. They stumble because they

are disobedient to the word, unto which [ends] they were appointed. **9** But you are AN ELECT RACE, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR [GOD'S OWN] POSSESSION so that you might 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 the] people of God; [once you were] those who had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

– 1 Peter 2:4-10, As translated from the Greek New Testament by T. Bartolucci.

Introduction

I. The Church as a Royal Priesthood (2:4-10)

A. **Established** in the Living Stone (4) *This is the Source of our Priesthood*

B. **Erected** as a Spiritual Temple (5) *This is the Structure of our Priesthood*

C. **Elected** as the People of God (vv. 6-10) *This is the Security of our Priesthood*

1. The Cornerstone of Our Belief (6a)
2. The Confidence of Our Belief (6b)
3. The Contrast of Unbelief (7-8a)
4. The Cause of Unbelief (8b)
5. The Character of God's People (9a)
 - a. An Elect Race
 - b. A Royal Priesthood
 - c. A Holy Nation
 - d. A people for God's own Possession

6. The _____ of God's People (9c)

a. To be an "elect race" is to be a "_____ race"

b. We were called _____ the darkness _____ the light

c. Only God has the power to separate the light from the _____

d. "Marvelous" = *thaumastos* (θαυμωστος)

e. We are constantly exhorted in Scripture to live in keeping with who we are in Christ

It is false that the will, left to itself, can do good as well as evil; for it is not free, but in bondage.

It is not in the power of Man's will to choose or reject whatever is offered to it.

Man cannot of his own nature will God to be God. He would prefer to be God himself, and that God were not God.

The excellent, infallible, and sole preparation for grace, is the eternal election and predestination of God.

We do not become righteous by doing what is righteous; but having become righteous, we do what is righteous.

He who is without God's grace sins continually, even should he neither rob, murder, nor commit adultery.

He sins, in that he does not fulfill the law spiritually. –*Martin Luther*

7. The _____ of God's People (9b)

a. "Excellencies" = *aretas* (ἀρετὰς) – "moral excellence, virtue"

b. Acts 17: 22 ff.

c. Two ways in which you are to "proclaim His excellencies"

(1) With your _____

(2) With your _____

d. Peter alludes to Isaiah 43

8. The _____ of God's People (10)

Conclusion