



"A Royal Priesthood" (Part 9)

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1 Peter 2:9c-10



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. Postscript: The biblical and theological distinction between Israel and the church

(1) Two views on the opposite end of the spectrum . . .

i. First view

ii. Second view

iii. A Mediating view

(a) What about "Messianic-Congregations?"

(b) Ephesians 2:11-22; 3:6

(c) Romans 11:2 ff.

"Certainly we can agree that Romans 9-11 affirms God's continuing concern for ethnic Israel and predicts for the Jewish people a great future time of blessing when many will be joined to the church ('grafted back into their own olive tree,' Rom. 11:24). Peter's statements do not nullify that promise. But 1 Peter 2:4-10 does affirm that God's covenant blessings are presently enjoyed only by those who are in Christ, just as Rom. 9-11 affirms that future enjoyment of covenant blessings will come only by being joined to Christ."
[Wayne Grudem]

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

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

a. Related issue of a Christian worldview . . .

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

a. Peter is quoting two passages from _____ (_____ and _____)

b. Parallel structure of the verse:

Not a people ==> No Mercy

Now the people of God ==> You have received mercy

Conclusion