

Chosen!

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1 Peter 2:9-10(NIV)

⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

What does it mean to be chosen and of a royal priesthood? You see when I read this verse of scripture, I realize that God sent Jesus to die for me just as He has done for so many of you. We had a choice to accept eternal life or eternal damnation both of which are created by God. Here the writer explains that we are a chosen people, a royal priesthood and that we belong to a holy nation which indicated that something was required before we could become chosen or royal. So many times, we can sit back and reflect upon the fact that God chose us for so many reasons that we can't comprehend but most importantly that He being God, loves us. We were sinners saved by grace not which we have earned or can boast of but this is a gift of God because we chose Him to be Lord and Savior. Today I challenge you, my brothers and sisters, to look back over your life since accepting Christ and see how far you have come. Oh, that we would give thanks to God for all that He has done for us, the sinners that we are. We daily ought to work towards maintaining our royal priesthood, as a chosen people, to be disciples of this holy nation.

Whatever you do in this season make room for those who still need God through Jesus Christ because we don't want to be the reason why others can't live a kingdom life while here on earth. Don't ever think that you are free from anything that can come up against you for you know the weapon will form but it does not prosper to those who are of the righteousness of God. Now that God is our refuge, we have come to know him in an intimate way and we understand why we are chosen people and associated with a royal priesthood to occupy this holy nation. Thank You God, for all that you have done in the lives of your people. Amen