

A Study of The Epistle of 1st Peter

Theme: “A LIVING HOPE!”

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Chapter 2:9-12

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...You are a
chosen people,
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-1 Peter 2:9

BIBLE TEXT:

(9) 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**.

(10) 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.

(11) Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

(12) Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and **glorify God on the day of visitation**.

STUDY NOTES:

A. 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**.

(Ex 19:5,6; Dt 4:20; 7:6; 14:2; Is 42:16; 43:10,20,21; 44:1,2; 61:6; Mal 3:17;
Jn 1:4-13; 3:19-21; Ac 2:11; 26:18; Rom 9:25,26; 10:19; Eph 1:4)

B. 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.

(Hos 1:6-10; 2:1,22,23; Rom 9:25,26; 10:19)

C. Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

(Rom 13:13-14; 1 Cor 10:14; Gal 5:16,24; Heb 11:13; Jas 4:1)

D. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and **glorify God on the day of visitation**

(Mt 5:16; 9:8; Lk 19:44; 2 Cor 8:21; 9:13; Gal 1:24; Php 2:15; Titus 2:8,14)

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“The Priesthood of All Believers”

‘Here the apostle gives the Christians a proper title. He took this statement from Moses, who tells the Jews in Deut. 7:6: “You are a people holy to **the Lord your God; the Lord your God** has chosen you to be a people for His own possession, out of all the peoples that are on the face of the earth.” And in Ex. 19:5–6 we read: “You shall be My own possession among all peoples ... and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.”

...But if they come along with this verse and say that it is speaking to them, answer them as I taught above, and ask them to whom Peter is speaking here. Then they will have to confess the truth to their shame. For it is certainly clear and manifest enough that the apostle is addressing the whole multitude, all Christians, when he says: "You are a chosen race ... a holy nation." Up to this point, of course, he has spoken about no one except those who are **built on the Stone** and believe.

...Some can be selected from the congregation who are officeholders and servants and are appointed to preach in the congregation and to administer the sacraments. But we are all priests before God if we are Christians. For since we have been laid on the Stone who is the Chief Priest before God, we also have everything He has."

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⁶⁹ Finally, this is confirmed by the declaration of Peter, **"You are a royal priesthood"** (1 Pet. 2:9). These words apply to **the true church which, since it alone possesses the priesthood, certainly has the right of electing and ordaining ministers.**

⁷⁰ The most common custom of the church also bears witness to this, for there was a time when the people elected pastors and bishops. Afterwards a bishop, either of that church or of a neighboring church, was brought in to confirm the election with the laying on of hands; nor was ordination anything more than such confirmation.

⁷¹ Later on new ceremonies were added, many of which Dionysius describes; but he is a late and fictitious writer, whoever he may be, just as the writings of Clement are spurious. Still more recent writers added the words, "I give thee the power to sacrifice for the living and the dead." But not even this is found in Dionysius!

⁷² From all these facts **it is evident that the church retains the right of electing and ordaining ministers.** Wherefore, when the bishops are heretics or refuse to administer ordination, the churches are by divine right compelled to ordain pastors and ministers for themselves. And it is the wickedness and tyranny of the bishops that give occasion to schism and discord, for Paul commands that bishops who teach and defend impious doctrines and impious forms of worship should be regarded as anathema."

THE SMALL CATECHISM - What is the Office of the Keys?

The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

Where is this written?

This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven' (John 20:22-23).

What do you believe according to these words?

I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.

LIFE APPLICATION: Doctrinal truths:

1. The Church is the New Israel and People of God – both Jews and Gentiles.
2. -All Christians are saints and priests and kings through holy baptism and have the office of the keys.
3. -All Pastors are then authorized to publically administer the office of the keys on behalf of the congregation and in the stead of Christ when they are called and ordained into the holy ministry.