

# 1 Peter 2:9-10, Bible Devotions

## ☐ Monday - A Chosen Race.

1 Peter 2:9

Christians are “a chosen race” (1 Pet. 2:9, Gk. *genos*, lit. family or offspring), chosen “before the foundation of the world” (Eph. 1:4), “according to [God’s] own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity” (2 Tim. 1:9). Those who cling so strongly to man’s free will, do not allow God the same freedom. Does not Christ have the right to choose His own bride? The Church is Christ’s bride (2 Cor. 11:2; Eph 5:25), beloved of God, betrothed from all eternity. Read John 6:44; Acts 13:48; Rom. 9:16-17; Eph. 1:4-5; 2 Thess 2:13

## ☐ Tuesday - A Royal Priesthood.

1 Peter 2:9

Under the Old Covenant, the Lord commanded, “Sanctify to Me every *first-born*, the first offspring of every womb among the sons of Israel, both of man and beast; it *belongs* to Me” (Ex. 13:2; Num. 3:13). And so, the first-born of Israel’s flocks were given to God, over and above their normal tithes and offerings. However, instead of taking the first-born children of Israel, God took for Himself the tribe of Levi (Num. 3:12). They were set apart unto God (Num. 8:14). Moreover, they had no possession in the land, for their inheritance was the Lord Himself (Deut. 10:9). But now, as we come to the New Covenant, God has made *all* His people a “royal priesthood” (1 Pet. 2:9, cf. v.5); hence, we are called the “church of the first-born” (Heb. 12:23), “a people for God’s own possession” (1 Pet. 2:9); having no inheritance in the land, but living like aliens (1 Pet. 1:1), for God is our inheritance (Eph. 1:14). Yes, God has made us “a holy priesthood” [1] “to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ” (1 Pet. 2:5); even “a royal priesthood” [2] “that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light” (1 Pet. 2:9).

Read Isaiah 61:6; Revelation 1:6

## ☐ Wednesday - A Holy Nation.

1 Peter 2:9

Israel was called to be a “holy nation” (Ex. 19:6, cf. Deut. 7:6), yet when Israel forsook Him, Jesus said, “Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you, and be given to a *nation* producing the fruit of it” (Mt. 21:43). What nation is that? Peter writes to the *church*, you are that “holy nation” (1 Pet. 2:9). The church is the Israel of God (Rom. 2:28-29, 4:13-14, 9:6-8, 10:12-13; Gal 3:7, 29, Gal. 6:15-16; 1 Pet. 2:9-10), made up of believing Jews and Gentiles, “from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues” (Rev. 7:9). Read Hosea 1:10; Rom. 9:25-26

## ☐ Thursday - A People For God’s Own Possession.

1 Peter 2:9

Peter writes to the church, “you are ... a people for God’s own possession” (1 Pet. 2:9), and Paul adds, “...you are not your own. For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body” (1 Cor. 6:19-20).

Read Romans 14:7-8

## ☐ Friday - To Proclaim His Excellencies.

1 Peter 2:9

The Great Commission (Mt. 28:18-20) is our divine mandate to plunder Satan’s house: [1] his “front door” shall not prevail against us (Mt. 16:18), and the strong man of the house has been bound (Mt. 12:29). And so, we are to storm his house and there proclaim the excellencies of Him who once called us out of that dark dungeon into His marvelous light (1 Pet. 2:9).

Read Acts 1:8, 4:31; 2 Timothy 1:7

## ☐ Saturday - Worm People.

1 Peter 2:10

So Christian, you feel like a worm, eh? (cf. Isa. 41:14). Well, cheer up, you’re worse than you think! But here’s the kicker, O wormy-one: you are one of “*the* people of God” (1 Pet. 2:10), and there is no one more precious to God than you. God loves you despite your worminess. So get your head out of the dirt and praise the Lord!

Read Romans 5:8