

LESSON FROM I PETER 2:9-10
“WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?”

I. **INTRODUCTION.**

- a. Illustration.
- b. BIBLE READING: I PETER 2:1-10
- c. Purpose: Examine God’s Word to seek an answer to the question—“Who do you think you are?”
- d. Background:
 - i. I Peter 2:1-3—the growth essential for the Christian.
 - ii. I Peter 2:4, 6-8—Christ is emphasized as the chief cornerstone of the foundation upon which the Christian’s life is to be built.
 - iii. I Peter 2:8—to those who stumble and are disobedient, Christ is a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense.

II. **LESSON: “WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?”**

- a. **As Christians, we are a “chosen race”.**
 - i. Under Old Covenant—people of Israel were God’s special people.
 - 1. Isaiah 43:21—“I formed for myself”.
 - 2. Ex. 19:4-6—“... a peculiar treasure unto me above all people.”
 - ii. Definitions: (1) “chosen” = “selected to obtain salvation through our hearing and obedience to the gospel of Jesus Christ, acting on our faith (Rom. 10:17). (2) “race” = “a family, stock kindred, offspring”.
- b. **As Christians, we are a “royal priesthood”.**
 - i. A priest has access to God.
 - ii. To Christians, being a “priest” is both a privilege and a responsibility.
- c. **As Christians, we are a “holy nation”.**
 - i. The word holy (hagios) means “different, set apart and implies separation”.
 - ii. “Holy nation” means a “set apart people—God’s people separated to serve God’s purpose”.
- d. **As Christian’s, we are God’s “own people” (“a people for God’s own Possession”).**
 - i. Our purpose as Christians is to function as God’s representatives.
 - ii. Since we are “bought with a price”—we are to glorify God. (I Cor. 6:20)
 - iii. Comments from William Barclay.

III. **CONCLUSION.**

- a. Summary: As Christians, we are--
 - i. **“A CHOSEN RACE”**—A special people, we belong to God.
 - ii. **“A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD”**—We have access to God.
 - iii. **“A HOLY NATION”**—A people set apart to serve God.
 - iv. **“GOD’S OWN PEOPLE”**—Acquired for God’s own possession.