

SECOND DAY: Read I Peter 2:9,10

1. You will notice in I Peter 2:9 Peter again used the words *chosen*, *priesthood*, and *holy* (I Peter 2:4,5). In contrast to the *disobedient* of I Peter 2:7b,8 observe the incredible description of *believers* by reading I Peter 2:9,10. Complete the following phrases from verse 9a written about believers:

But ye are a _____, a _____, an _____
_____, a _____; Selah – pause and think about this.

- a. In the Old Testament the children of Israel were called God's chosen people (Deuteronomy 7:6). In the New Testament ALL believers are *chosen* of God. How does I Peter 2:10 confirm that verse 9 includes Gentiles as well as Jewish believers?

(1.) How does the privilege of being *chosen* of God minister to you?

- b. Through Christ we have become *a royal priesthood*. What does Revelation 5:10 say about this?

- c. How should being a citizen of *an holy nation* determine the standards you live by?

- d. Concentrate for a moment on the phrase *peculiar people*. Here *peculiar* does not mean strange or odd. It means *a purchased possession*, indicating that we *belong* to God. Read Exodus 19:5,6. Through Christ we have become *all that the children of Israel were meant to be to God*. What does it mean to you to know that you are a *treasure* to Him?

2. Think about the extraordinary things God has done for us as you list them from I Peter 2:9b,10.

3. In light of the privileges you have discovered today, share ways you can *shew forth the praises of Him*. I Peter 2:9

THIRD DAY: Read I Peter 2:11,12

1. Notice the tender way Peter began his instructions concerning key issues of the Christian's spiritual life. (I Peter 2:11a) Pay close attention to his strong appeal to believers as you write verse 11 here phrase by phrase.
 - a. Peter called believers *strangers and pilgrims*. What does this suggest to you?

 - b. To expand your understanding of the word *abstain* provide a few synonyms for it.

 - c. *Fleshly lusts* refers to *all the desires which originate in man's corrupt nature*. Record those named in Galatians 5:19-21. (Use other versions if you desire.)
 - (1.) *War* in I Peter 2:11 refers to *carrying on a military campaign*, descriptive of the march of an army against a city. What affect would indulgence in these desires have on our spiritual life?

 - (2.) How do the following verses provide the solution for indulgences of the flesh:
 - (a.) Romans 6:11-13

 - (b.) Galatians 5:16

2. Think about the influence the believer has on those in the world as you read I Peter 2:12. Why is the Christian's *conversation* (behavior/conduct) so important?

Advanced Students: Research the phrase *in the day of visitation*. I Peter 2:12 Write a brief report of your findings.

3. According to I Peter 2:12b what is the outcome of our *good works*?

FOURTH DAY: Read I Peter 2:13-16

1. Today's study of I Peter 2:13-16 centers on the Christian's responsibility to civil authorities. Summarize the instruction we are given in I Peter 2:13,14a.
 - a. Define the word *submit*.

2. The exhortation to *submit* to the *ordinances of man* refers to *obeying the laws of the land*. Why are we to do this? I Peter 2:13a,15
 - a. God has a purpose for those in authority. What is it according to I Peter 2:14b?

3. Observe I Peter 2:16 NLT: *You are not slaves; you are free. But your freedom is not an excuse to do evil. Instead of using our freedom to serve our flesh, Whom should we serve?* I Peter 2:16b
 - a. How should being *the servants of God* affect our attitude toward those in authority?

*Obey them that have the rule over you,
and submit yourselves...*
Hebrews 13:17a

FIFTH DAY: Read I Peter 2:17

1. I Peter 2:17 records four succinct commands for believers. Print them here and give a brief explanation or meaning of each:

a.

b.

c.

d.

e. Share a practical example of obeying one of these.

2. How would disobedience to the I Peter 2:17 commands affect a believer's witness?

a. Which of these do you find most difficult to obey?

(1.) Why?

3. What help has God provided that will enable us to do what is required of us?

SIXTH DAY: Review I Peter 2:9-17

1. In what way has your study of I Peter 2:9,10 increased your appreciation of what the Lord has done for you?

2. How does the realization that you are a *stranger* and *pilgrim* in this world affect your choices and decisions?

3. How will you apply the following instructions from I Peter 2:11,13:
 - a. *abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul*

 - b. *submit yourselves to every ordinance of man*

4. I Peter 2:11-17 deals in part with our witness as a Christian in a world of unbelievers. Share a way your Christian influence has affected an unbeliever.

5. What in your lesson this week has benefited, encouraged or challenged you the most? Tell why.

*Breathe into my life Lord, so that I might live
devoted so completely, a servant's heart within.
Speak Your will to me, Your purpose.
Make my heart Your dwelling place,
set apart for You Lord, willing to obey.*
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