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1 Peter 2:4-10

**Title:** "What is My Destiny?"

**Theme:** "My destiny is the same as Jesus' "

- **Jesus** ....
  1. Chosen and **Precious** (1 Peter 2:4)
  2. Chosen for **Suffering** - (1 Peter 1:10-11)
  3. Chosen for **Glory** (1 Peter 1:11; 3:21-22 )
- **Believers** ...
  1. Chosen and **Precious** (1 Peter 2:9)
  2. Chosen for **Suffering** (1 Peter 4:12-13)
  3. Chosen for **Glory** (1 Peter 2:6; 5:10)

**"Rejected by men" – 1 Peter 2:4**

- Rejection is a difficult thing. No doubt we've all experienced it. The Greek word here translated "reject" means "to determine the genuineness of, Examine, discern, prove, or test." How is it that some people then and now examine Jesus and find him to be worthless? (They determine the value of).
- Does mankind's judgment of Christ affect his value?
- How does this impact our understanding when we experience rejection?



## “A holy priesthood” – 1 Peter 2:5

- If you were brought up in a Christian home, what denominational background did you come from?
- What did they call their clergy?
- Who does Peter say are priests?
- Is the priesthood limited to a specific group? Why or why not?

## “A Chosen race” – 1 Peter 2:9

- God clearly chose Abram, Isaac, Jacob, David, and Jesus. God chose bring the Chosen-One through a line of Chosen People.
  - “God dwells among his people because he has chosen them. The heart of the covenant is God’s electing love. The scriptural teaching of God’s choosing is sometimes questioned because it is not understood, and sometimes hated because it *is* understood. It can be received only by faith, for to receive it one must confess that God is God. The wonder is not that God chooses some and not others (Abel, not Cain; Isaac, not Ishmael; Jacob, not Esau). The wonder is that God chooses any.”<sup>1</sup>
- We have now been grafted in or included in the group of the *elect* (1 Peter 1:1) or *chosen* (1 Peter 2:9) [same Greek word in both].<sup>i</sup> “How the language of love is lavished upon God’s people in the Old Testament! They are God’s inheritance, his personal and prized possession, his treasure. God bears them on his shoulders, carries them in his arms, holds them in his hand, seats them at his feet. He loves them with a jealous love; they are to be his alone to the exclusion of all other gods; they bear his name. The love of a father for a son, of a husband for a wife, is used to describe God’s love for his people.”<sup>2</sup>
- How does it *feel* to be included (not rejected!) in the elect?

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<sup>1</sup> Edmund P. Clowney, *The Message of 1 Peter: The Way of the Cross*, The Bible Speaks Today (Leicester, England; Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1988), 91.

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**“That you may proclaim...” – 1 Peter 2:9**

- When Biblical authors use the word “that” they use it to indicate purpose. We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession” THAT... Why did God chose us? Why did God save us? What is our purpose?<sup>ii3</sup>
- What then is our purpose in life?
- What is the chief and highest end of mankind?<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> **Isaiah 43:18–21** (ESV)

<sup>18</sup>“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup>Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

<sup>20</sup>... for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, <sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself *that* they might declare my praise.

<sup>4</sup> “Man’ s chief and highest end is to glorify God, (Rom. 11:36, Cor. 10:31) and fully to enjoy him forever. (Ps. 73:24–28, John 17:21–23)”

*The Westminster Larger Catechism: With Scripture Proofs.* (Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc., 1996).



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<sup>i</sup> Elect =  κλεκτός

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- ESV**
- [Mt 22:14](#)  For many are called, but few are [chosen](#).”
- [Mt 24:22](#)  And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the [elect](#) those days will be cut short.
- [Mt 24:24](#)  For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the [elect](#).
- [Mt 24:31](#)  And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his [elect](#) from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.
- [Mk 13:20](#)  And if the Lord had not cut short the days, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the [elect](#), whom he chose, he shortened the days.
- [Mk 13:22](#)  For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform signs and wonders, to lead astray, if possible, the [elect](#).
- [Mk 13:27](#)  And then he will send out the angels and gather his [elect](#) from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.
- [Lk 18:7](#)  And will not God give justice to his [elect](#), who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them?
- [Lk 23:35](#)  And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his [Chosen](#) One!”
- [Jn 1:34](#)  And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the [Son](#) of God.”
- [Ro 8:33](#)  Who shall bring any charge against God’s [elect](#)? It is God who justifies.
- [Ro 16:13](#)  Greet Rufus, [chosen](#) in the Lord; also his mother, who has been a mother to me as well.
- [Col 3:12](#)  Put on then, as God’s [chosen](#) ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,
- [1 Ti 5:21](#)  In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of the [elect](#) angels I charge you to keep these rules without prejudging, doing nothing from partiality.
- [2 Ti 2:10](#)  Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the [elect](#), that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.



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- [Tt 1:1](#)       Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's [elect](#) and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness,
- [1 Pe 1:1](#)       Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are [elect](#) exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,
- [1 Pe 2:4](#)       As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God [chosen](#) and precious,
- [1 Pe 2:6](#)       For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone [chosen](#) and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."
- [1 Pe 2:9](#)       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.
- [2 Jn 1](#)         The elder to the [elect](#) lady and her children, whom I love in truth, and not only I, but also all who know the truth,
- [2 Jn 13](#)       The children of your [elect](#) sister greet you.
- [Re 17:14](#)     They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and [chosen](#) and faithful."

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## ii Living Out the Declaration of His Praises

**SUPPORTING IDEA:** Becoming an advertisement for the excellent attributes of God includes not only a verbal testimony but also an active testimony of living day to day.

David Walls and Max Anders, *I & II Peter, I, II & III John, Jude*, vol. 11, Holman New Testament Commentary (Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1999), 32.

If "That" is the case, isn't interesting that doxology leads to evangelism....