

40 Days of Prayer

“His Now”

1 Peter 2:9-10

January 21, 2024

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.

Sermon Points:

1) Being His Now should change who we are

- a. **1 Pet 2:9-10** – We are His possession, we are His people, He is our King and our Lord, we can look at that in two ways, 1) He is our master that we must obey (which is right and good), and 2) God and all His power, all His resources, all his angels, and all His love, mercy and grace are on our side.
- b. **1 Pet 1:1-2** – We are being repurposed, sanctified, changed from living for the world to living for God
- c. **1 Pet 1:3-6** – God brought us into His family, we are His Now

2) Being His Now should change how we live

- a. **1 Pet 1:18** – We were purchased by the precious blood of Jesus
- b. **1 Pet 1:13-17** – We are called to be holy. Being holy is not just about avoiding sins, but also to intentionally look for ways that our lives will be set apart to live for God's purposes

3) Being His Now should change how we pray

- a. **2 Kings 6:8-23** – The God of this universe, our Father in Heaven, is with us and for us. We should pray that God will open our eyes to the spiritual realities around us and that we would live through faith that God is with us
- b. **1 Pet 2:9-10** – Because we are His own possession, His chosen people, His royal priesthood, His holy nation, that should change how we pray.
- c. We should pray knowing He is with us and has chosen us and wants to empower us to accomplish His will.

Application

- 1) Look back at the last 20 years, 10 years, and 5 years and asks yourselves, “Has God changed who I am, how I live, and how I pray over the years?” Share that with one another.
 - a. Note: If you recently became a Christian and do not have a long history, then ask the same three questions about the last few weeks or the last few months.
- 2) Look ahead to 2024 and seek how you can intentionally pray and change your lives to see the following:
 - a. Pray God will so entrench in your heart your identity and purpose found in 1 Pet 2:9-10 that you won’t doubt even one of those words or phrases. Remember, none of us are worthy to have those titles on our own, but we became worthy through the precious blood of Jesus.
 - b. Pray God will change how you live in one important area that you know deep in your heart that you need to change. Remember, don’t just think of sinning less, but also replacing sin with living for Jesus more.
 - c. Pray God will change how you pray, the confidence and faith in Him and that as you accept your identity and purpose from 1 Peter 2:9-10, that God will show you how to pray boldly and with faith all for the glory of Jesus Christ.