

letter to elect exiles **FIRST PETER**

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YOUR IDENTITY IN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

EXO.19:1-6/1PET.2:4-12

1) YOU ARE A CHOSEN RACE

Isa.43:20-21 ...for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my **chosen people**, the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.

Gal.3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Col.3:10-11 ...and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Rev.5:9-10 And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

2) YOU ARE A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD

Exo.19:5-6 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be **my treasured possession** among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a **kingdom of priests** and a **holy nation**. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.

3) YOU ARE A HOLY NATION

4) YOU ARE A PEOPLE FOR GOD'S OWN POSSESSION

Exo.19:5 ...you shall be **my treasured possession** among all peoples, for all the earth is mine.

5) YOU ARE A PEOPLE WHO HAVE RECEIVED MERCY

Hos.2:23 And I will have mercy on No Mercy, and I will say to Not My People, 'You are my people'; and he shall say, 'You are my God.'