

# Introduction

Theme of the 1 Peter- Holiness through Suffering

**1Pet. 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. **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. (Slide)

## Chosen Race

1. Chosen Race- When God chooses his choice is final and absolute
  1. Royal- God chose David to be king
  2. Priesthood- God chose Aaron to be priest
  3. Holy- God chose the temple to be holy
  4. Nation - God chose Israel to be his treasured possession
2. Fulfilled in the New Testament Church - God choosing in the OT finds fulfillment in the NT
3. Suffering- Believers are strengthened in suffering when they understand God chose them

## Royal Priesthood, Holy Nation, Treasured Possession

1. Exodus 19- Peter's description of believer is found in Exodus 19
  1. Consecrated (Ex. 19:10)- To Enter the Presence of God We Must be Pure
  2. The People and the Priest Fail the Test - Israel's failure to be pure kept them from God's presence
  3. Moses and Aaron as Holy and Priest - Moses and Aaron entered the presence of God because of their purity
2. Christ the True Holy and Royal Priest

## **Key Observations (slide)**

- Entering the presence of God brings the believer pleasure (Psa. 16:11)
- Purity is only done through suffering (1 Pet. 1:7-9)

## **Applying the Word (Slide)**

- Have you been purified by the blood of Christ?
- Are you currently being purified?