

"But you are a Chosen Generation, **a Royal Priesthood, a Holy Nation, a Possession of People**; that you should show forth the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous Light; who in time past were not a people, but are now **the People of God**: who had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy." (1 Peter 2:9-10)

A Royal Priesthood

Royal: from the greek word **basileion** a singular adjective which means: kingly, or royal, or regal; from: **basileus**: a noun which means: a King. In context: refers to the royal dignity of something (in context: a priesthood) which belongs to a King: Jesus, or to the Kingdom of God. Thus in context: not only are all believers in Christ Jesus considered to be a Priesthood of believers, we are also a 'Royal Priesthood' of believers within the Kingdom of God, and under the reign and dominion of Jesus the King of kings!

Priesthood: from the greek word **hierateuma** a singular noun which means: a priesthood; from **hiereus**, a priest. Thus a priesthood of priests. Within the first Mosaic covenant the tribe of Levites were set apart as priests unto God overseeing the the sacrificial system. They received no land inheritance, as did the other tribes of Israel; for God was their inheritance! The High priests were chosen from the descendants of Aaron, a Levite. Born again Believers in Jesus are now the priesthood; and Jesus is our forever unchangeable High Priest!

Please consider the following:

"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, so that you may grow thereby; if so be you have tasted that **the Lord** is Gracious; **to whom** coming, as unto **a Living Stone (Jesus)**, rejected indeed of men, but Chosen of God, and precious; you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house, **a Holy Priesthood**, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." (1 Peter 2:2-5)

"John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, **from Him** who is, and who was, and who is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before **His** Throne; **and from Jesus Christ**, who is the Faithful Witness, and the First Born from the dead, and the Ruler of the kings of the earth. Unto **Him** who loved us, and washed us from our sins in **His own blood, and has made us kings and priests unto God and His Father**; to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." (Revelation 1:4-6)

We who believe are indeed a Royal Priesthood; and King Jesus is our High Priest in His Kingdom; it is as it says:

" 'The Lord (God the Father) swore and will not repent, '**You (Jesus) are a Priest forever after the order of Melchizedec**' (Psalms 110:4); by so much was **Jesus** made a guarantee of a better covenant. And they were truly many priests, because they were not prevented to continue by reason of death. But through the continuing (abiding) **of Him forever**, He holds **an unchangeable Priesthood** . Therefore, **He is able also to save those** to the uttermost who come unto God through Him, seeing **He always lives** to make intercession for them. Such for us also He became **a High Priest**: Holy, Innocent, Unde filed, Separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens." (Hebrews 7:21-26)

"Now of the things which we have spoken this is the main-point: we have such a High Priest (Jesus), who is seated on the Right Hand of the Throne of the Majesty in the heavens." (Hebrews 8:1-2)

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"But **Christ (Jesus) came as High Priest** of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; nor through the blood of goats and calves, but **through His own blood** He entered in **once** into the Holy-place, having obtained **Eternal Redemption for us.**" ([Hebrews 9:11-12](#))

A Holy Nation

Holy: from the greek word **hagion** a singular adjective which means: Holy, Sacred, set apart; in context: to be Holy encompasses a persons proactive separation from things and habits that are contrary to the Word of God; **and** the proactive dedication and consecration of one's life and service to God who is Most Holy! It is as the Word of God proclaims:

"But as **He who has called you is Holy**, so be **you holy** in all manner of conduct; because it is written, **'Be you holy; for I am Holy.'**" ([1 Peter 1:15-16](#); quote is from [Lev. 11:44](#))

"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, **what manner of persons ought you to be in all holy conduct and godliness.**" ([2 Peter 3:10-11](#))

Nation: from the greek word **ethnos** a singular noun which means: a nation; (from **etho**; a race of people); a particular ethnic group of people having distinct customs or common culture, etc; different from other ethnic nations; sometimes also translated Gentile(s). Often used in reference to non Jewish nations. In context: believers in Christ Jesus are a distinct different Nation of people "set apart" as a Holy Nation unto God, set apart as a people with new distinct sacred customs and a culture rooted and established in and through Christ Jesus. **Please consider the following:**

"This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you henceforth **walk not as other Gentile-nations** (unbelievers) walk, in the vanity of their mind, having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; who being past feeling, have given themselves over unto lustfulness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But you have not so learned Christ; if indeed you have heard Him, and have been taught by Him, as **the Truth is in Jesus**; so that you put off concerning the former conduct the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; and be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and that you put on the New man, which from God **is created in righteousness and true holiness.**" ([Ephesians 4:17-24](#))

"Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the **holiest-place** in the blood of Jesus, by **a new and living way**, which He has consecrated (made Holy) for us, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh; and having a High Priest (Jesus) over the House (Nation) of God; let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our Faith without wavering; for He is faithful who promised." ([Hebrews 10:19-24](#))

A Possession of People

Possession: from the greek word **peripoiesin** a singular noun which means: a purchased-possession; an acquisition; a possession. The context is: all people who are believers in Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior of their lives, are now the People of God: a Purchased Possession through Jesus: of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: from the greek word **laos** a singular noun which means: a people (in a collective sense of all the people), a populace, regardless of nationality; (the usual term for "all the people of God"). Thus: we who believe are a possession of people; and in a scriptural context: a **purchased**-possession of people! **As it says:**

"Do you not know that your body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and **you are not your own**? For you **are bought with a price (through the shed blood of Jesus)**; therefore, glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

"Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called. Are you called while-being a slave? Care not for it; but if you may be made free, use it rather. For he who is called **in the Lord (Jesus)** being a slave, **is the Lord's freeman**; likewise also he who is called being free, **is Christ's slave**. **You are bought with a price**; be you not the slaves of men. Brethren, let every man, wherein he is called, therein abide with God." (1 Corinthians 7:20-24)

Finally, please consider the following exhortation from God through Moses:

"And Moses went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying, 'Thus shall you say **to the House of Jacob**, and tell **the Children of Israel**; 'You have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles wings, and brought you **unto Myself**. Now therefore, if you will obey **My voice** indeed, and keep **My covenant**, then you shall be a **Peculiar Treasure** (i.e. a possession of people) **unto Me above all people**; for **all the earth is Mine**; and you shall be **unto Me a Kingdom of Priests, and a Holy Nation**. These are the words which you shall speak unto the Children of Israel.'" (Exodus 19:3-6)

These words which Moses spoke unto the Children of Israel are now also applied to all true believers in Jesus from every nation, tribe, and language. It is as it says:

"And they sang a new song, saying, '**You (Jesus)** are worthy to take the book, and to open the seals of it; for You **were slain**, and have **redeemed us to God in Your blood** out of **every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation**; and have **made us** unto our God **kings and priests**; and **we shall reign** on the earth.'" (Revelation 5:9-10)

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A Chosen Generation a Possession of the God of all Creation !

Created in Righteousness and true Holiness !

We are the Redeemed People of God !

Purchased with a price !

Through Jesus !

Truly !

Thank You Jesus for obtaining Eternal Redemption for us !

**Blessing, and Honor, and Glory, and Power,
be unto You who sits upon the Throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever !**

**Worthy are You who was slain to receive Power, and Riches, and Wisdom,
and Strength, and Honor, and Glory, and Blessing !**

Amen and Amen !!