

I Peter

(6) Chosen People

See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame." 1 Peter 2:6 NIV

The Cornerstone, chosen and precious...IPet.2:6-8

What great truth about Christ does Peter *restate*? 2:6; Is.28:16; Rom.9:33; Mt.21:42; Acts 4:11

Christ is the fulfillment of the promised Cornerstone, chosen (by Father), precious.

What do *chosen* and *precious* tell us? 1:19-20; Is.42:1-4; see Rev.13:8 (NIV)

Chosen shows God's plan before time began. Precious means 'costly', 'irreplaceable'.

What is the promise to those who trust in Him, the Cornerstone? 2:6 Is.50:7

The one who trusts in Him will never be disappointed (made to blush...).

What contrast does Peter now bring us? 2:7; ICor.1:22-25

To believers He is precious (great price/value). But He causes unbelievers to stumble/fall.

And why does the stumbling/falling occur according to 2:7-8? Mt.21:42-44; Jn.8:36; ICor.16:22

They rejected Him, disobey the message (Gospel). Rejecting Him will scatter him like dust...

*But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God
1 Peter 2:9 NIV*

The identity of those who believe (2:7)...IPet.2:9-10

What is the first identifier given to all those who believe? 2:9; ICor.1:26-31; Col.3:12; etc

You are a chosen (elect) people. Jn.15:16 declares, 'you did not choose me, I chose you'.

Why is this the first identifier? Why is it so important? ICor.1:26-31; IITim.1:9

Election glorifies God and God alone. All the other attributes derive from being chosen.

What is the second identifier? 2:9; 2:5; Rev.20:5

You are a royal priesthood. literally 'a royal house filled with priests'. All from Christ.

What is the third identifier? 2:9; Titus 2:14

You are a holy nation. Holy='set-apart'; nation='ethos, ethnic people'. Set apart for Him.

And what is the fourth identifier? 2:9, 1:18-19; Rev.5:9-10

A people belonging to God. Chosen by God, purchased by God, glorified with Him.

What is the purpose of this great work of God? 2:9; Eph.1:3-5

That we may declare the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His light!

And how does Peter summarize these great truths? 2:10; Col.1:13

Before, nobody; now, people of God! Before no mercy, now you have MERCY!