

## Sermon: Chosen by God

Text: [1 Peter 2:4-12 ESV](#)

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**Introduction:** As significant as national elections may be to the world, all the questions, about our government and its future, pale in importance to the spiritual decisions we make every day. The choices of whom we will follow spiritually are critical to our destiny (v.8).

### I. God Has \_\_\_\_\_ Us Out of Darkness.

A. For the purpose of \_\_\_\_\_

B. For the purpose of \_\_\_\_\_

### II. God Has Chosen Us to Declare His \_\_\_\_\_.

A. In \_\_\_\_\_ times

B. In \_\_\_\_\_ times

### III. God Has Chosen Us to \_\_\_\_\_ to His Mercy.

A. To \_\_\_\_\_ from sinful desires.

B. To be \_\_\_\_\_

**Conclusion:** There has been a change in the priesthood from the OT until now. No longer does the priesthood consist of a special order or gender of people. It now consists of everyone who believes in Jesus Christ. We are to be holy as He is holy! What a great and wonderful privilege it is to serve our Lord.

[Romans 12:1-2 ESV](#) 1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers (and sisters) by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world (age), but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

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4 As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, 5 you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” 7 So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,”[a] 8 and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. 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. 11 Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. 12 Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

Footnotes: [a] 1 Peter 2:7 Greek the head of the corner