

"You Are a Chosen Race" Pt.I

Intro: As we turn to our text, we find the great privilege of being saved as we read of the comparison between the height of the _____ of those who believe and the depth of the _____ of those who disbelieve.

1 Peter 2:4-10

I. God laid a choice stone, a precious cornerstone. That would be _____!

A. God _____ laid the choice stone, the precious cornerstone to be the very foundation of the church. (Cf. Jo. 3:16 & 10:17-18)

B. The stone God laid is "... a _____ stone ..."

1. The NASB does not have the best translation in this phrase. The NIV does a better job translating it as "_____ " instead of choice. And the KJV does the best job literally translating it as "_____."

2. This word does not speak of quality, but of _____ eternal and sovereign redemptive _____.

C. The stone God laid is "... _____ cornerstone ..."

1. Now we talk about _____! We defined "precious" last week, but we will add to that definition by saying that this word speaks of being "unequaled in _____, irreplaceable, rare and inwardly _____." In this sense Jesus is **THE** precious One elected by God to be the cornerstone of the church!

II. "... he who believes in Him _____ be disappointed."

A. The word "disappointed" refers to being shamed, confounded, where there had been confidence, having one's _____.

B. Here are a few of the sure promises of God! John 6:35, 37, 39 & 40, "Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. ... 37 "All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly _____." ... 39 "And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day. 40 "For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him, may have _____; and I Myself will raise him up on the last day." And, Rom 10:13, for "Whoever will call upon the name of the Lord _____."

C. Let us consider the _____ of this promise. In verse 6 there is a _____ negative and it could rightly read, "He who believes in Him shall _____ by _____ means be disappointed." ... It is and always will be _____ for those who believe in the elect and precious stone to be disappointed! (Cf. Romans 8:31-39)

III. "This precious _____, then, is for you who _____."

A. We are blessed to have this verse accurately translated in an easy to read form in the English Standard Version which says, "So the _____ who believe ..."

1. Of this Adam Clarke writes, "The _____ is to you who believe; i.e. the honour of being in this building, and of having your souls _____ through the blood of the Lamb, and becoming sons and daughters of God Almighty."

2. Church, this is the honor that we who believe have; _____ in the elect and precious cornerstone of God and being the beneficiaries of the blessings that follow! We are _____ stones; a spiritual house; a holy priesthood enabled to offer up acceptable sacrifices to God; a people who will not be disappointed; a _____ race; a royal priesthood; a holy nation; though once we were not a people, now we are the people of God; we had not received mercy, but now _____ received _____. This is the precious value - the incredible honor that is for us who believe.

IV. Those who disbelieve the truth of the elect and precious cornerstone of God will _____ an unfathomable depth of _____.

A. Their dishonor is that they stumble over and are _____ in the very Stone who came to bring salvation to the world.(Cf. John 3:17)

B. The disbelieving stumble and are offended because they _____ to be _____ to the word - the truth of Christ!

C. Those who disbelieve are _____, as they stumble over the truth of Christ, to being broken to pieces by the Rock of Truth; and as one upon whom the wrath of this Stone falls, being scattered like dust.

1. On Pastor Shaan's website (Heavenslight.org) he writes, "If a man rejects the Lord Jesus Christ, he has committed the unforgivable sin, he has said no to life and abides in death, where the worm never dies and the fire is never quenched. _____ come, let him come.

John 3:18, "He who believes in Him is _____; he who does not believe has been _____, (*appointed to judgement!*) because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

V. "_____ are a chosen race ..."

A. There is our honor; that despite our previous track record of sin, we were chosen by God to be _____ very own _____.

Closing: See what dishonor we have been _____ from
and what honor we have been saved to!

Church, we have _____ much.
Let us _____ our Lord!

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