

Living Sold Out, Part II

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of the One who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. – I Peter 2:9 (HCSB)

I. Chosen Race = Chosen means “on purpose”. God chose you. Not happenstance. Not coincidental. Your being here on Planet Earth signifies God chose you. You’re not here by mistake, and everything He does serves a purpose. **P2R (Point 2 Remember #1): To live sold out to Christ, you’ve got to remember that there’s something distinctly different about you.**

II. Royal Priesthood = The royal priesthood are those who worship God & share their faith. The Latin word for priest means “bridge”. As we worship God & share with others what He means to us, we become bridge builders between God & man; between culture & Christ. **P2R (Point 2 Remember #2): To live sold out to Christ, you’ve got to remember that if you don’t believe the truth God says about you, you’ll embrace the lies others believe about you.**

III. Holy Nation = Holiness means being exclusively separated from sin, separated to God, set apart for His purposes.

IV. A People for His Possession = Now that we’re in Christ, we belong to God in a unique way as His own special people. We are valuable to God. He takes ordinary people & because He’s taken them in, they’re special.

V. Our Responsibility as Christ-followers: Peter says we should “*proclaim the praises of the One who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light*”. There was a time when sin & shame defined us, but God called us out of darkness. There was a time when we were blind to Truth, but God called us out of darkness. There was a time when we were separated from the love of God, but He called us out of darkness. Darkness here refers to having no concern for morality; ignorant of respecting divine things. He called you & made a personal invitation to you in the form of Jesus Christ!

P2R (Point 2 Remember #3): To live sold out to Christ, you’ve got to remember that your insecurities, your failures and your fears all starve to death when you quit feeding them.