



## **The Who, What, and Why of the Church**

*Holiness Amidst Suffering: A Series in 1st Peter*

*Message #10 – 1 Peter 2:9-10*

**Big Idea:** In our passage this morning, Peter writes to suffering believers who were alienated from society due to their faith in Jesus Christ. These Christians could no longer identify with the sin-soaked culture around them. Thus, the Apostle reminds them of their new position and purpose in Christ; and in doing so, he reveals to us the who, what, and why of the church.

### I. Who We Are:

1. We Are A Chosen ***Spiritual Family*** (2:9).
2. We Are A Royal Body of ***Believer Priests*** (2:9).
3. We Are A People ***Set Apart*** (2:9).
4. We Are A ***Special Possession*** of God (2:9).

### II. What We Do:

1. We Make Known His ***Majestic Character*** (2:9).
2. We Walk In The ***Marvelous*** Light Of ***Christ*** (2:9).
3. We Experience His ***Merciful Compassion*** (2:10).

### III. Why It Matters:

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## Scripture of the Week:

“So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God’s household, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.”

† ***Ephesians 2:19-22*** †

