## "The Mission of God is for Everyone" 1 Peter 2: 9

Have you ever thought about how God sees you? Some may be tempted to think, "I don't want to know how God sees me. I'm so bad." Others may think, "God can't see me." Uh, rethink that. He not only can see you, He can see right through you.

There is another thing God can see that most of the time people don't realize. He can see your potential. He sees in His people great power. He sees you as a powerful instrument to be used for His mission to redeem the peoples of the world. In fact we are going to see in this lesson how He sees us and something of the resources He has provided to flow through us as we join Him on mission.

Read 1 Peter 2 just to get a sense of the context of the chapter. Write down some things that speak to you and why.

Now let's zero in of verse 9.

How would you explain that you are part of a "chosen race?" For some deeper insight check out John 15: 16.

So, what did you learn about how God sees you from this?

He goes on to say you are a "royal priesthood." What is the role of a priest?

Do you see yourself as a priest before God? What does it mean to you that you have total access to God? How does it effect your life? How does God see you if you are a priest?

Read 1 Peter 1: 13-15. Break it down. Bottom line? God commands, "you shall be Holy, for am Holy." What does it mean to be holy?

What does Ephesians 4: 22-32 say about being holy?

If something belongs to you, you have possession of it. If you have money in the bank, stocks and bonds, real estate that is bought and paid for, it is your possession. How did it become yours?

! Peter 2: 9 says you are God's own possession. Think about it. What right does He have to say that He owns you?

Read 1 Corinthians 6: 19-20. What price did God pay for you?

1 Peter 1: 17-21 gives further insight into this truth. Explain what being God's own possession means according to these passages.

How does your life reflect or manifest that you are a possession of God? The end of 1 Peter 2: 9 tells us the sole purpose for His choosing us, our royalty, our priesthood, our holiness and our purchase.

"...so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."