

Life Before Lips!

1 Peter 2:9-12

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Introduction

- Different occupations present
- Two task for all God's children
 - Called to be WORSHIPPERS
 - Individually
 - Collectively—the church
 - Called to be WITNESSES
- One must BE before one can DO!—Acts 1:8

Life before Lips: Lifestyle Evangelism

A. BE: Our PLATFORM from which we speak!—2:9-10

- a. Our Position in Christ.
 - 1) Chosen Generation
 - 2) Royal Priesthood
 - 3) Holy Nation
 - 4) His own Special People
 - 5) The People of God
- b. Does the Church replace Israel?

B. DO: PUBLISHING or ADVERTISING—2:9

- a. Publish the “praises of Him”—the excellent, perfect works of the Lord
- b. Publish how we were “*called out of darkness into His marvelous light*”, our unique salvation experience.

C. BE: Our Life backing up our Lips. 2:11-12

- a. The kind of life that backs up our lips.
 - 1) Exhibit God's inner discipline—“*Abstain from fleshly lusts*”
 - 2) Exhibit outward Godly behavior—good character and works
- b. The Response to Lifestyle evangelism
 - 1) May be ridiculed or slandered.
 - 2) May bring some to Christ on the “*day of visitation*”