

"Chosen Outcasts"

1 Peter 4: 1- 11

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God Has Chosen A People For His Own Possession & Made Them Outcasts In The World, (vs. 2: 9 - 11)

• God's Choice Signifies The End Of Life As We Knew It While The World Carries On, (vs. 4: 1 - 11)

- A. If Christ is our Lord, we will not live for ourselves but for Him regardless of what happens, (vs. 1 - 2); *"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."*(Galatians 2:20 ESV)
- B. If Christ is our Lord, the time of foolish debauchery is past, (vs. 3 - 5); *"For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ."*(Jude 4 ESV)
- C. If Christ is our Lord, our lives will "preach" the gospel so that the lost may be saved, (vs. 6 - 9); *"You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ""But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ""If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you."*(Romans 8:9-11 ESV)
- D. If Christ is our Lord, we will devote our lives to serving one another in God's grace, (vs. 10 - 11); *"For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ""But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me."*(1 Corinthians 15:9-10 ESV)

- God's Choice Requires A Standard That Only The Elect Will Achieve, (vs. 12 - 19)
- God's Choice Mandates A Submission To God's Methodology, (vs. 5: 1 - 11)