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# The Joys of Holy People (Chosen, Peculiar, and Royal People)

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## The Joys of Holiness

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***Sermon: The Joys of Holiness: The Joys of Holy People (Chosen, Peculiar, and Royal People)***

***New Series Messages: “The Joys of Holiness”***

- Theme Scriptures: 1 Peter 1:15–16 (AV)<sup>15</sup> But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; <sup>16</sup> Because it is written, ***Be ye holy***; for I am holy.
- Sermon: Entering into the Joy of the Lord (The Abundant Life of Holiness)
- Sermon: The Holiness Lifestyle (Honoring, Pleasing, and Glorifying God)
  - A Lifestyle that Honors God
  - A Lifestyle that Pleases God
  - A Lifestyle that Glorifies God

***Lesson Text***

Deuteronomy 7:6 (AV)<sup>6</sup> For thou *art* an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that *are* upon the face of the earth.

1 Peter 2:9 (AV)<sup>9</sup> But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

***Introduction***

In our last sermon, we looked at Holiness as a Lifestyle that Honors, Please, and Glorifies God.

Now we want to go back to our theme “The Joys of Holiness”; that is, understanding how the Holiness Lifestyle is the key to entering into the Joys of an Abundant Life.

Over the next three weeks we will do a three-part series on Holiness that deals with the Joys of Holy People, the Joys of Holy Places, and the Joys Holy Praises. We will look at how making these things holy will help us to enter into the Joy!

Today we will look at Holy People!

If you recall, from our series last year on the Holy Spirit, the word “Holy” means to be set apart, separated, or sanctified. And so Holy People are people who have be set apart, separated, or sanctified for God’s divine purpose!

Have you ever noticed that most people are not happy? I know that they go through moments of happiness, but most of the time their disposition is Cantankerous, Crotchety, Ill-tempered, Argumentative, and persistently Irritable.

They start out happy when they get married, but miserable and cantankerous after years of marriage. Happy when they get the job, but frustrated and unfulfilled when they work the job. Happy when they begin a ministry, but crotchety and disappointed with the cares of ministry.

But when God called and made us Holy, he put us in a process that would change all that! He chose us so that we would have purpose, He made us peculiar (special) so that we would have significance, and He elevated us so that we could perform His Divine Assignment.

***Series and Sermon: The Joys of Holiness: The Joys of Holy People (Chosen, Peculiar, and Royal People)***

***I. The Joys of Chosen People***

Deuteronomy 7:6 (AV)<sup>6</sup> For thou *art* an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy **God hath chosen thee** ...

1 Peter 2:9 (AV)<sup>9</sup> **But ye are a chosen generation**, ...

Why do many Christians live a frustrated life? Because they don't live like they're chosen!

As a result, they suffer from a lack of Purpose, Perfection, and Position.

Some are frustrated because they either don't have or don't know their purpose. They live a life of aimlessly wondering from one thing to another, one person to another; adrift in the sea of life

Others are frustrated because they struggle with never obtaining perfection or fulfillment. For them, life is always a day late and a dollar short, trying but never obtaining, always out of reach.

And yet other Christians are frustrated because their position in life keeps them discouraged and demoralized; they seem to always be last. (Gideon who was called to defeat 144K Midianite Army with just 300 men first said, "My family is poor, and I'm the least in my family!")

But Holy People have been Chosen for Purpose, with a promise of Perfection, and a destiny of Position.

First, Holy People have Joy because they are Chosen for God's Purpose:

- Romans 8:28 (AV)<sup>28</sup> And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

Second, Holy People have Joy because they are Given a Promise of Perfection (Fulfillment):

- Psalm 138:8 (AV)<sup>8</sup> The LORD will perfect *that which* concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, *endureth* for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.
- Philippians 1:6 (AV)<sup>6</sup> Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ:

Finally, Holy People have Joy because they are have a Position of Destiny:

- Matthew 19:29–30 (AV)<sup>29</sup> **And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.** <sup>30</sup> **But many *that are* first shall be last; and the last *shall be* first.**

***II The Joys of Peculiar People***

Deuteronomy 7:6 (AV)<sup>6</sup> For thou *art* an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be **a special people** unto himself, ...

1 Peter 2:9 (AV)<sup>9</sup> But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, **a peculiar people**; ...

In my study of relationships, I've found that the thing people desire most is not money, power, wealth, or position; but significance. To want and need to be needed, wanted, and respected!

They seek out significance in relationships, in jobs or careers, in money or wealth, or in power or positions.

Some are constantly miserable because they never quite get what or who they want. But others are even more miserable, because they get it, and realize that it still doesn't fulfill them!

But Holy People are significant because they are God's Peculiar People (specially chosen). They don't have to seek significance, because in God, they are already significant!

Holy People have Joy because God made them Significant when He Purchased Them

- 1 Corinthians 6: <sup>20</sup> For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Holy People have Joy because God made them Significant when He Possessed Them

- 1 Corinthians 6: <sup>19</sup> What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

Holy People have Joy because God made them Significant when He Promised Them

- 2 Corinthians 1:20 (AV)<sup>20</sup> For all the promises of God in him *are* yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

### ***III. The Joys of Royal People***

Deuteronomy 7:6 (AV)<sup>6</sup> For thou *art* an holy people ... **above all people** that *are* upon the face of the earth.

1 Peter 2:9 (AV)<sup>9</sup> But ye *are* a chosen generation, **a royal priesthood**, an holy nation...

The Reason why Holy People have Joy is because

- They have been Chosen with Purpose, Perfection, and Position
- They are Peculiar and Significant because they are Purchased, Possessed, and Promised
- Finally, they are Royal with a Divine Assignment, Access, and Anointing

Too many Christians live without Joy because they don't realize their Royalty.

- Romans 8:16–17 (AV)<sup>16</sup> The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: <sup>17</sup> And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together.
- Romans 8:29 (AV)<sup>29</sup> For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

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Simply put, we are a part of God's Royal Family; joint-heirs with Christ, in the image of Christ. And if they suffer with Him, they shall also Glory with Him!

Royalty brings a Royal Assignment, Royal Access, and a Royal Anointing

Holy People have Joy because they have a Royal Assignment

- Genesis 50:20 (AV)<sup>20</sup> But as for you, ye thought evil against me; *but* God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as *it is* this day, to save much people alive.

Holy People have Joy because they have Royal Access

- Proverbs 18:<sup>16</sup> A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.
- Revelation 3:8 (AV)<sup>8</sup> **I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: ...**

Holy People have Joy because they have a Royal Anointing

- Acts 1:8 (AV)<sup>8</sup> **But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.**

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## Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: The Joys of Holy People (Chosen, Peculiar, and Royal People))

### Lesson Text

- Deuteronomy 7:6, 1 Peter 2:9

### Sermon Outline (Notes)

#### I. *The Joys of Chosen People*

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#### II. *The Joys of Peculiar People*

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#### III. *The Joys of Royal People*

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### Questions

#### I. **Getting to Know “Me”**

1. Do you (or would you) name your car? If yes, what is the name and why?
2. If life were a basketball game and you and group of friends or family were a basketball team, what position would you play: center, point guard, shooting guard, small forward or power forward?

#### II. **Into the Bible**

1. These are some of the major covenants in the Bible: the Abrahamic Covenant (Gen. 17:1-8); the Mosaic Covenant (Ex 19:3-6); the Davidic Covenant (2 Sam 7:8-16); and the New Covenant (2 Cor 3:2-6). What is the importance God places on covenant between he and his people? Is there a difference in God’s covenant with his people and God’s promises to his people? If so, what is it?
2. According to Leviticus 19:2, God tells Moses to say to the people, “Ye shall be holy: for I the Lord your God is holy.” Upon salvation, we became set apart/uncommon/holy. How do we maintain our holiness?

#### III. **Life Application**

1. List two practical ways you will remain in joy even when your situation doesn’t look joyful.
2. **Role Play:** We are a chosen, peculiar, and royal people, so our words should match our identity. Pair up. Person 1 is a nasty, negative, defeated believer. Person 2 is a victorious joyful believer who understands what they possess in Christ. **Person 1:** Talks defeat & negativity to Person 2. **Person 2:** Responds to Person 1 victoriously. Afterwards, discuss as a group: How did talking defeated/victorious feel...awkward, normal, uncomfortable, etc.?