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We Are God's People

1 Peter 2:4-10

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There are times when today's church seems to "play" church rather than "be" the church. Jesus did not go to the cross in order for us to go through the motions on Sunday morning and then act like God doesn't exist the rest of the week. There are many ways to "play" church: only attend occasionally, never develop a Christian lifestyle, not give to the church's ministries, refuse to accept positions of responsibility. But there is only one way to "be" the church, and that is to be Christ's representatives, His people, in the world.

The Bible uses many phrases to describe the church. This morning we look at the church as "the people of God." The main reference describing the church this way is found in verses 9-10 of our scripture passage.

To be the "people of God" means that the church is...

I. A **CHOSEN** Community

Now therefore, if you will obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my own possession among all peoples.

Exodus 19:5

This "chosenness" brings both **BLESSING** and **RESPONSIBILITY**.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

1 Peter 2:9

II. A **COOPERATING** Community

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

1 Corinthians 12:27

III. An **ESCHATOLOGICAL** Community

What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?

Love God, Love Others, Learn Jesus, DO SOMETHING!

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