

## Christians Are Special

### Intro:

1. We who are Christians are special people — 1 Pet 2:6-10.

### Body:

#### I. We are an elect race.

- A. Israel was God's chosen race — Deut. 7:6-8.
- B. The true Israel of God today is the church —  
Rom. 2:28-29; Rom. 9:6-8; Gal. 3:29.
  1. We were called before the creation — Eph. 1:3-4.
    - a. Chosen unto salvation — 2 Ths 2:13-14.
  2. God chose the means. It is up to the individual to choose obedience — Heb. 5:9.

#### II. We are a royal priesthood.

- A. Israel had become a kingdom of priests — Exod. 19:5-6.
- B. There is a holy priesthood of all believers — 1 Pet. 2:5.
  1. The church is the house of God — 1 Tim. 3:15.
  2. Every Christian can approach God — Heb. 4:14-16.
- C. The term royal indicates our relationship to Jesus —  
Rom. 8:17.

#### III. We are a holy nation.

- A. Israel was a holy nation — Exod. 19:5-6.
- B. We, too, are to be set apart —  
2 Cor. 7:1cf.; Matt. 22:37; 1 Jn. 2:15-17.

#### IV. We are a people for God's own possession.

- A. Israel was a nation that belonged to God — Exod. 19:5-6.
- B. We, as Christians, are His possession — Tit. 2:14.
  1. Delivered from the bondage of sin — 1 Cor. 6:19-20.

### Conc:

1. As God's special people, we are to show forth His excellencies.
  - a. Israel was to set forth His praise — Isa. 43:21.
  - b. We are to show forth His excellencies — Matt. 5:14-16.