

HOW CAN WE KEEP FROM BEING DISCOURAGED WHEN SUFFERING?
PART 3: REMEMBERING OUR MARVELOUS POSITION IN CHRIST
1Peter 2:9-10

- I. **REVIEW: WE SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED WHEN WE SEE WHAT GOD IS DOING IN US THROUGH CHRIST:** *As we come to Him through His Word, we are being built up as a spiritual temple to offer as holy priests spiritual sacrifices to God (4-6)*

- II. **REVIEW: WE SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED WHEN UNDERSTAND PRECIOUS CHRIST IS FOR US:** *Precious Christ is for us who believe but in contrast He will be the eternal doom of those who do not believe (7-8)*

- III. **WE SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED WHEN WE SEE HOW GOD VALUES US AS HIS TREASURED POSSESSION:** *In contrast to the eternally lost, we believers are the chosen and valued possession of God, destined to proclaim His excellences, because of His great mercy (9-10)*
 - A. **OUR WONDERFUL IDENTITY IN CHRIST:** His chosen, royal, holy possession (9a)

 - B. **HIS PURPOSE FOR US:** Called out of darkness into His marvelous light to proclaim His excellencies (9b)

 - C. **THE REASON:** All because we have now received His mercy and are now His people (10)