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ROYAL PRIESTS TO GOD

1 PETER 2:5–9



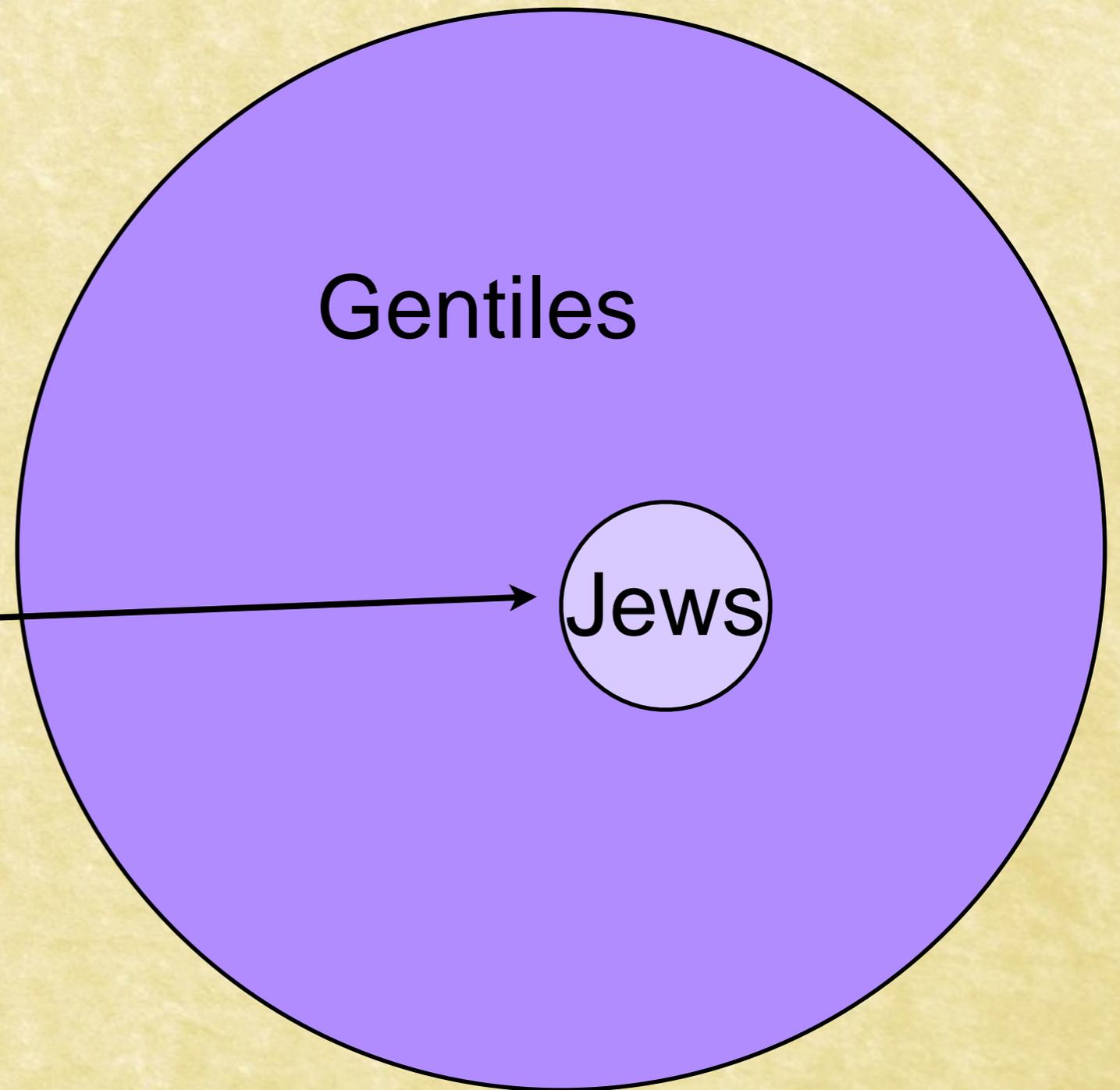
1ST PETER

LIVING IN LIGHT OF ETERNITY

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- All in the circle are Church Age believers, equal members of the body of Christ.
- A subset of the body of Christ is composed of the Jewish remnant who now fulfill the plan of God.
- What applies to the remnant also applies to the entire body of Christ. Peter is talking to the remnant, but what he says to them, applies to the whole.



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ἀποδοκιμάζω *apodokimazō*

**perf mid part masc sing acc to reject,
declare useless**

**ἐκλεκτός *eklektos* acc masc sing (verbal)
elect, choice, i.e., emphasis on quality.**

ἐντιμος *entimos* acc masc sing precious

Isa. 28:16, “Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: ‘Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; Whoever believes will not act hastily.’ ” NKJV

Isa. 28:16, “Therefore, this is what the sovereign master, the LORD, says: ‘Look, I am laying a stone in Zion, an approved stone, set in place as a precious cornerstone for the foundation. The one who maintains his faith will not panic.’ ” NET

Isa. 8:13, “The LORD of hosts, Him you shall hallow; Let Him be your fear, and let Him be your dread.

Isa. 8:14, “He will be as a sanctuary, but a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense to both the houses of Israel, as a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.”

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Eph. 2:19, “Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

Eph. 2:20, “having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,”

Eph. 2:21, “**in whom [LJC]** the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,

Eph. 2:22, “**in whom [LJC]** you (Gentiles) also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.”

οἰκοδομή *oikodomē*
nom fem sing
building, building up

ναός *naos* acc masc
sing temple, shrine;
palace

συνοικοδομέω
sunoikodomeō
pres pass indic 2 plur
to build together

κατοικητήριον
katoikētērion
acc neut sing house,
dwelling place

Eph. 4:4, “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;”

Gal. 3:26–28, “For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

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**ἐν πνεύματι
en pneumati
“by means of
the Holy Spirit”**

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**εἰς ἱεράτευμα ἅγιον
*eis hierateuma hagion***

toward a holy priesthood

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ἱεράτευμα
hierateuma

acc neut sing
priesthood

ἀναφέρω *anapherō*

aor act infin

**to bring up, to offer, to
put upon the altar**

εὐπρόσδεκτος
euprosdektos

acc fem plur (verbal)
acceptable

The Priesthood of the Believer

1. All Church Age believers are *set apart* to God, just as Israel as God's chosen people were set apart, *holy*, to God.

Ex. 19:6, “ ‘And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.”

Eph. 1:4, “just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love”

The Priesthood of the Believer

2. Every Church Age believer has direct access to God.

Heb. 4:16, “Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

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3. Every Church Age believer is to offer his life as a living sacrifice to God.

Rom. 12:1, “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.”

4. All believers, Jew and Gentile, are equal in access to God because we have been placed “in Christ” by the baptism by the Holy Spirit.

1 Pet. 2:6, “Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, ‘Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious, and he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.’ ”

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1 Pet. 2:7, “Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, ‘*The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone,*’

1 Pet. 2:8, “and ‘*A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense.*’ They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they [Israel] also were appointed.”

Psa. 118:22, “The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.”

Isa. 8:14, “He will be as a sanctuary, but a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense to both the houses of Israel, as a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.”

To God: Choice, Precious

To the Believer:

**Not put to shame
Precious**

To the Disobedient:

**Reject the stone
Stone of stumbling
Rock of offense**

1 Pet. 2:9, “But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;”

Ex. 19:5, “Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people [*am, laos*]; for all the earth is Mine.”

****Septuagint (LXX): “special people from all the nations” (*goy, ethnos*)**

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**βασίλειον ἱεράτευμα
basileion heirateuma
“*royal priests*” LXX
identical to 1 Pet. 2:9**

Rev. 1:6, “and has made us kings [*basileia*] and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

“king, kingly rule, kingdom”

Rev. 5:10, “And have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth.”