

**The Preeminence Of Holy
The Sacredness Of A Holy People
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Key Verse of the Day

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 1 Peter 2:9 NIV

As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 2:4-5 NIV

Key Thought of the Day

The actions of Jesus make Christians a _____ and _____ possession of God.

Consecrated = To be declared _____.

Sacred = Devoted to God by being _____ for His service.

The Lord said to Moses: "Tell your brother Aaron that he is not to come whenever he chooses into the Most Holy Place behind the curtain in front of the atonement cover on the ark, or else he will die. For I will appear in the cloud over the atonement cover. This is how Aaron is to enter the Most Holy Place... Leviticus 16:2-3a NIV

Then he shall come out to the altar that is before the Lord and make atonement for it. He shall take some of the bull's blood and some of the goat's blood and put it on all the horns of the altar. He shall sprinkle some of the blood on it with his finger seven times to cleanse it and to consecrate it from the uncleanness of the Israelites. Leviticus 16:18-19 NIV

This is to be a lasting ordinance for you: On the tenth day of the seventh month you must deny yourselves and not do any work—whether native-born or a foreigner residing among you— because on this day atonement will be made for you, to cleanse you. Then, before the Lord, you will be clean from all your sins. Leviticus 16:29-30 NIV

Grab This!

Everything in the sanctuary on the Day of Atonement was _____.

With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last. The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. Mark 15:37-38 NIV

Don't Miss This!

The final Day of Atonement took place on the day Jesus was _____.

But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that are now already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not made with human hands, that is to say, is not a part of this creation. He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God! For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance— now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant. Hebrews 7:11-15 NIV

Grab This!

Through the _____ of Jesus Christ Christians are made sacred.

Don't Miss This!

Once, all of the artifacts and rituals of the offerings on the Day of Atonement in the sanctuary were sacred, because they were set apart for God and his service... now... today... God's people are sacred, because they are set apart for God and his service.

What does that mean for us today?

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Christians Are God's Special Possession Because...

- They are set apart as _____ by God.
- ...you are a chosen people...*

No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them... John 6:44 NIV

Christians Are God's Special Possession Because...

- They are set apart to _____ God.
- ...a royal priesthood...*

...you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 2:5 NIV

Grab This!

Spiritual sacrifices are whatever we _____ or whatever we _____ for God.

Christians Are God's Special Possession Because...

- They are set apart for a _____.
- ...a holy nation...*

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves... Colossians 1:13 NIV

...that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 1 Peter 2:9b NIV

The Bottom Line

Since Christians are the sacred possession of God, how we live _____.

Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. 1 Peter 2:10-11 NIV

The Challenge

How can you live as a sacred vessel of God this week?