



1) Read 1 Peter 2:9-12. Verse 9 starts with “but” – a word that signals a contrast between what came before (*a description of those who are offended by and stumble over Jesus*) and what is coming (*a further description of those who have trusted Jesus as Savior*). How do each of these terms for believers add flavor to who we are in Christ?

a chosen race:

a royal priesthood:

a holy nation:

a people for his own possession:

How do these descriptors of believers contrast with those “who do not believe” in verses 6-8.

2) Notice that these terms for believers (*along with those in v.5 that were examined last week*) are all plural – referring to believers as a group, i.e., the church. According to verses 5 and 9, what are believers as a group to be doing?

How are we at First Baptist (*a local group of believers*) to be living them out corporately?

3) Kenneth Wuest provided the following expanded translation for verses 11-12a:

*Divinely loved ones, I beg of you, please, as those who are sojourning alongside of a foreign population, be constantly holding yourselves back from the fleshly cravings, cravings of such a nature that, like an army carrying on a military campaign, they are waging war, hurling themselves down upon your soul; (12) hold your manner of life among the unsaved steadily beautiful in its goodness ...*

How do you relate to the spiritual dynamic described here by Peter – the holding back vs the holding forth?

How can we help one another live a “*manner of life among the unsaved steadily beautiful in its goodness?*”