



A HOLY NATION

I Peter 2.9

WHO IS THIS NATION?

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- Who is Peter describing?
 - Those growing in salvation — 2.2
 - Those who have come to Christ — 2.4
 - Those who are a spiritual house for God — 2.5
 - Those who view Jesus as precious through obedience — 2.7-8

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- What does Peter say distinguishes this nation?
 - It is a holy nation — 2.9
 - It is a nation that proclaims God's praises — 2.9
 - It is a nation that abides in the light of God — 2.9
 - It is the people of God — 2.10

HALLMARK OF HOLINESS

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- What about this nation makes it holy?
 - Distinct from the world which rejects Christ — 2.4
 - It is a nation that abides in the light of God — 2.9
 - Recognizes its people don't belong — 2.11
 - Its people abstaining from fleshly lusts — 2.11

WINNING THE WAR

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- What fleshly lusts does Peter envision facing this nation?
 - The challenge of unmercifulness — 2.10 **Be Merciful**
 - Temptation to respond to evil with evil — 2.12 **Be Good**
 - Desire to silence fools in ungodly ways — 2.15 **Do Right**
 - Retreating to prejudice and “isms” — 2.17 **Be Loving**

BE LIKE JESUS

"For you have been called for this purpose,
since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you
an example for you to follow in His steps,
‘Who committed no sin, nor was any deceit
found in His mouth.’”

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