

“SET YOURSELF APART”

YOU ARE “SET APART” FOR GOD (Ac. 20:32):

- Living stones for God’s spiritual temple here on earth (1Pe. 2:4-5a).
 - Have you taken your place in God’s building?
- Holy Priests for God (1Pe. 2:5b, 9).
 - Priests were set apart to serve as a bridge between the people and God. “When an individual comes and commits himself to Christ once and for all and forever, he ceases to be, he ceases to live in his own behalf, to live for himself any longer, but becomes the utter expression of Jesus Christ to mankind” (Lake).
- A Chosen People (1Pe. 2:9).
 - People who have been blessed to receive the riches of God’s salvation.
- A Holy Nation (1Pe. 2:9).
 - We are citizens of Heaven not this earth.
- God has set you apart for His glory, have you set yourself apart?

GOD’S VERY OWN POSSESSION (1Pe. 2:9-10):

- There was a transfer of ownership when you believed and received Jesus into your life (1 Cor. 6:19-20; Eph. 1:14; Phil. 3:12).
 - No part of your life legally belongs to you anymore.
 - This is good news, because you simply make a mess of things when you are in charge, or think you are in charge.
 - Jesus purchased you with the price of His own life.
 - *You belong to Him!*
 - Stop living for yourself (2Cor. 5:15).
 - Wake up to urgent the call of God on your life.

SETTING YOURSELF APART IN 2010:

- Give up ownership of your life each day.
 - Give God full ownership of your life.
 - Give up your wants, desires and rights to God.
 - Ask God to fill you with His wants and desires
- Focus on the “good work” He wants to do in your life.
 - Mark out a straight path (Pr. 4:25-27).
 - What spiritual disciplines would God want you to develop?
 - What relationships do you need to improve?
 - How can you be a more effective witness for Christ?
- Set yourself apart to do life God’s way (1Cor. 9:24-27).
 - Start 2010 with purpose and direction.
 - If you aim for nothing you will hit nothing.