

Text: Deuteronomy 7-9; 1 Peter 2; Ephesians 2

Title: "CHOSEN TO BE A PEOPLE FOR HIMSELF"

**(I) THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL - A PEOPLE FOR HIMSELF**

*"For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth." Deuteronomy 7:6*

- 1. A holy people to the Lord**
- 2. Chosen to be a people for Himself**
- 3. A special treasure**
- 4. Above all the peoples on the face of the earth**

**(II) CHRISTIANS- A PEOPLE FOR HIMSELF**

*"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,*

*Who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy." 1 Peter 2:9-10*

- 1. A chosen generation**
- 2. A royal priesthood**
- 3. A holy nation**
- 4. His own special people**
- 5. The people of God**

**(III) AN APPRECIATION OF THIS DIVINE PLAN**

**1. Biblical and appropriate response**

- a) To proclaim the praises of God
- b) To grow in greater appreciation of this profound Divine plan
- c) To share how we have come out of darkness into God's marvelous light

## **2. Personal and appropriate response**

- a) Standing in awe of God's glorious plan
- b) Treasuring this great plan of God
- c) Determining to make praising God a very real part of our life
- d) Committing ourselves to sharing the message of this Gospel of God