

Message Notes

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His Story. Our Story
Church - Exodus 19:5-6; 1 Peter 2:9
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- ◆ The church is God's _____ on mission with Him to make disciples.
- ◆ The _____ for church in OT & NT always means a set-apart gathering of God's _____. (Gen. 28:3, 35:11; Dt. 31:30; Mt. 16:13; Col. 1:18; Eph. 3:10, 21)
- ◆ How we define _____ is crucial for how we understand God's _____ and our place in it.

The First Church:

- ◆ God chose a _____ (Israel) and set them apart to be His image bearers and representatives. (Gen. 12:2-3; Ex. 19:5-6; Dt. 7:6-8; 1 Ch. 17:20-21)

Now if you obey Me fully and keep My covenant, then out of all nations you will be **My treasured possession**. Although the whole earth is Mine, you will be for Me a **kingdom of priests** and a **holy nation**. (Ex. 19:5-6)

Jesus & A Renewed Church:

- ◆ Gospels = Jesus _____ & _____ Israel's story & mission AND _____ His disciples to _____ living the mission. (Mt. 1-4, 28:16-20; Lk 24; John 20:21)
- ◆ Acts = stories of the early _____, empowered by the Holy Spirit, continuing the Kingdom _____ of Jesus.
- ◆ Romans - Jude = letters instructing the church in their _____ and how to _____ as God's gathered _____.

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)

- ◆ CP = leads to _____ and _____. (Dt. 7:6; Is. 65:9; Eph. 1:4-6)
- ◆ RP = we have _____ to God AND serve as _____. (Ex. 19:6; 1 Pet. 2:5)
- ◆ HN = we live in a distinct _____ way. (Ex. 19:6; Dt. 14:2; Jn 17:15-18; Hb. 10:10)
- ◆ GSP = we need to remember our _____. (Ex. 19:6; Dt. 7:6, 14:2; Ti. 2:14)
- ◆ We are God's _____ to expand the _____.
- ① You are _____ to be part of the set-apart gathered people of God.
- ② Choose a _____ gathering to be part of and _____.
- ③ Live on _____.