

# Who We Are Is More Important Than What We Call Ourselves



**Text: 1 Peter 2:1-10**

## I. Introduction

- Sometimes churches are a disappointment to God
- How do you church?
- Sometimes churches and its individuals don't measure up to God
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- The church is not impacting the world as He asked us to do?
- Who are we?
- Why don't we do something?
- Some may not understand and know who we are
- Are we a museum?
- What does it mean to be a church?
- *Who are we really?*

## II. The Church Is Not A Place We Go, But The Church Is WHO WE ARE

- Aristedes quote about Christians - "They love one another. They never fail to help widows. If they have money or possessions, they freely give it to the person who has nothing. If they see a stranger, they take him home as a brother or a sister in the spirit, the Spirit of God"
- We are a chosen race...
- This building is not the church, we are
- *We are all called to be full-time representatives of Jesus Christ!*

## III. We Are To Be Priests To One Another

- We have a divine responsibility TO one another and FOR one another
- Zulu proverb – *When a thorn pierces the foot, the whole body bends over to pull it out!*

## IV. We Are Also Called To Be Priests To The World

- You are God's representative to everyone you meet at work, at play, to one and all
- *The Church is not a place we got, but the Church is who we are!*

## **V. We Are Called To Acknowledge God's Presence In Our Lives**

- We must come to Church, more than merely “to pay our respects”
- We must show others around us that we are “a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and a people belonging to God!”

## **VI. Conclusion**

- We have a lot to live up to, don't we?!
- All of us are called by God
- It's time to get to work so the world knows who we are and what we stand for
- Will you stand with Jesus?