

Proclaiming the Excellencies of God: as His Honored & Beloved People

1. Rejoicing as God's Honored & Beloved-People

- **you are a chosen race:** (Isa 43:1-4, 20-21)
be united in our Christ-centered identity (and do not fear)!

- **you are a royal priesthood:** (Ex 19:4-6)
pledge allegiance to the King as mediators for His kingdom

- **you are a holy nation:** (Ex 19:4-6; Dt 26:18f)
be set-apart with a kingdom-centered citizenship & eternal glory

- **you are a people for His own possession:** (Ex 19:4-6; Isa 43:20-21;
Hos 1:6ff; 2:16ff) repent of idolatry & love Jesus Christ

2. Proclaim the Excellencies of God!

- **rejoicing** amidst the fiery trials of life (1:6ff)

- **tasting & seeing** that the Lord is good (2:1ff)

- **blessing** & not repaying evil for evil (3:9)

- **speaking & serving** in God's power (4:10f)

- **standing firm** in the grace of God (5:12)