

God's People

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2 Corinthians 1:21–22 (ESV)

²¹ And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, ²² and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

God establishes HIS people as light to this dark world. God's people are those who trust Jesus and believe that HE paid the penalty for their sins. God's people are a forgiven people. If we were to stand before Jesus before entering heaven and HE asked, "Why should I let you in." We would say, "I am forgiven." Brothers and sisters, this is the only thing we should say. Of course, this scenario will never take place, but it drives home the point that Jesus' death and resurrection is the only way to eternal life. As God's forgiven people, we are HIS own possession. At the moment we trust Christ, God does a miraculous work on our behalf as revealed in these verses. Therefore, we need to understand what HE has done in order to fully realize who we are.

#1 God established us. God moves in each believer's heart and opens their eyes to be able to receive Christ. We have been touched by God.

#2 God anointed us. We need to understand this word because it is used throughout the Bible. The word anoint means to smear. The NASB, Exodus 40:15 gives us insight as to the meaning when priest were ordained by being anointed with oil indicating: 1) God's declaration of "ownership" over them for ministry and 2) God's declaration that they were "qualified" for ministry. Thus, God anointed us claiming ownership over us and qualifying us for ministry. Not everyone is to become a Pastor, but that everyone is to be an empowered witness of Christ.

#3 God put HIS seal on us. NIV correctly clarifies this, "God set his seal of ownership on us." The verb, 'to put a seal upon' was used in Biblical times for sealing of letters and commercial documents guaranteeing no one could tamper with the contents. The word seal is used often relating to our salvation indicating God's eternal possession. When we trust Jesus, we are sealed for eternity.

#4 God gave us HIS Spirit as a guarantee. Again, the NIV correctly clarifies this, "God put HIS Spirit in our hearts as a deposit" guaranteeing what is to come.

This is the actual presence and power of God within us. Note what it says in:

Colossians 1:27 (ESV)

This mystery, which is Christ in you.

As believers we must grasp the reality of this to live a powerful life in Christ. We are a new and powerful creation, God's holy people. The Holy Spirit, the fulness of Jesus Christ, is within us empowering us with all the power of Christ.

Colossians 1:29 (ESV)

For this I toil, struggling with all HIS energy that he powerfully works within me.

In God's eyes, nothing is impossible for us. God flows through us, HIS own possession.

Titus 2:14 (ESV)

Jesus purified for himself a people for HIS own possession who are zealous for good works.

We are God's chosen race, HIS holy nation, His own possession empowered to serve HIM.

1 Peter 2:9(ESV)

But you are a chosen race, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of HIM who called you out of darkness into HIS marvelous light.

Not to sound too shallow, but desiring the supernatural power of God in our life is motivation to serve God and abstain from the passions of the flesh which hinders HIS power.

1 Peter 2:11 (ESV)

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which “wage war” against your soul (your inner being).

What are we thinking? Why allow passions of this world wage war against our very being.

2 Peter 3:11 (ESV)

Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be.

As God’s people we have power and true life!

John 14:6 (ESV)

Jesus said, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”