

# Showing Forth His Excellencies

**TEXT: 1 Pet. 2:9-10**

## INTRODUCTION:

- A. BOOK WRITTEN **TO GIVE HOPE** AND **PREPARE FOR TIME OF TRIAL**.
  - 1. "Begotten again" - Babes who inherit.
  - 2. Gird up the loins of your mind.
- B. **vs. 9**. SPECIAL PEOPLE TO GOD.
  - 1. Called out of darkness into the light.
  - 2. That we might "**show forth his excellencies**." "Moral worth" (**ATR**).
- C. WE SHOW GOD'S MORAL WORTH **IN VARIOUS RELATIONSHIPS**.

## I. TO THE GENTILE( 2:11-12 ).

- A. CHRISTIANS DESCRIBED AS **SOJOURNERS AND PILGRIMS**.
  - 1. We may live here, but ... ( **Rom. 12:2** ).
  - 2. Musn't become too attached( **1 John 2:15** ).
  - 3. Fellow-citizens with the saints( **Eph. 2:19; Phil. 3:20** ).
- B. AS CHRISTIANS WE MUST ABSTAIN FROM WORLDLY LUSTS.
  - 1. Prime element in temptation( **James 1:14** ).
  - 2. War now being waged( **Gal. 5:16-21** ).
- C. WE'RE GOD'S AMBASSADORS. **DO WE REFLECT HIS LIGHT?**( **Matt.5:16** ).

## II. TO THE CIVIL GOVERNMENT( 2:13-17 ).

- A. SUBJECT TO **EVERY** ORDINANCE OF MAN. WHY?
  - 1. For the Lord's sake( **Rom. 13:1-7** ).
    - a. **God** ordained and **upholds** government( **vs. 1** ).
    - b. **To disobey is to disobey God**( **vs. 2** ).
    - c. For conscience' sake( **vs. 5** ).
  - 2. Our subjection will put to silence those who would accuse us.
- B. ANY EXCEPTIONS?( **Acts 5:29** ). HOWEVER!( **vs. 16** ).

## III. SERVANTS-MASTER - - WORKER EMPLOYER( 2:18-25 ).

- A. INSTRUCTIONS TO THE SLAVE:
  - 1. Obey **even the cruel or crooked**.
  - 2. Glorify God.
  - 3. Example of Jesus.
- B. EMPLOYEES HAVE OPTIONS ... AND **OBLIGATIONS**( **Col. 3:22-25** ).

## IV. THE CHRISTIANS WIFE AND HER HUSBAND( 3:1-7 ).

- A. MUST SUBJECT HERSELF **EVEN TO UNBELIEVING**( **vs. 1-2** ).
  - 1. Object - Gain the husband.
  - 2. True desire of the husband( **vs. 3-4** ).
  - 3. The example of Sarah( **vs. 5-6** ).
  - 4. Recognizes the possibility of abuse.
- B. HUSBANDS - WHY EMPHASIS ON THE WIFE?( **vs. 7** ).

**V. TO ONE ANOTHER( 3:8-12 ).**

- A. UNITY AND PEACE( **Eph. 4:1-3** ).
- B. LOVE THE UNDERLYING FACTOR( **Phil. 2:1-4** ).
- C. IMMITATORS OF JESUS( **Phil. 2:5-11** ).

**CONCLUSION:**

- A. OUR LIGHT, LIKE THE MOON'S, IS REFLECTED LIGHT.
- B. OUR LIGHT MAY BE ECLIPSED.
- C. ARE WE REFLECTING GOD'S GOODNESS?