

Learning to live as a Pilgrim-16

Now you are the people of God **1 Peter 2:9-10**

Intro: (i) Larry Norman and People

1. Be encouraged by your status in Jesus the Messiah **2:4-5 & 9-10**

- (i) You are living stones being built up into God's holy temple v4-5
- (ii) You are a chosen race v9 # Deut 7:6
- (iii) You are a royal priesthood v9
- (iv) You are a holy nation v9
- (v) You are God's special possession v9
- (vi) Once you were not a people, now you are the people of God v10

2. Be energised by your ministry in Jesus the Messiah **2:5 & 9**

- (i) You are to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God v5
- (ii) You are to proclaim the excellencies of him who called you... v9

Conclusion Christ loved us enough to offend us with the gospel... how much do you love your neighbour?

A large, simple cross is centered in the upper half of the image, set against a bright, glowing light source that creates a lens flare effect. Below the cross, the silhouettes of a diverse group of people are shown in various prayerful poses, with their arms raised. The background is a soft, hazy landscape with rolling hills under a warm, golden light.

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