

1 Peter 2:9-28

Lexham English Bible

1 ⁹ But you *are* a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a
 2 holy nation, a people for *God's* possession, **so that**
 3 you may proclaim the virtues of the one who called
 4 you out of darkness into his marvelous light, ¹⁰ who
 5 once *were* not a people, but now *are* the people of
 6 God, the ones *who were* not shown mercy, but now
 7 are shown mercy.

8 ¹¹ Dear friends, I urge *you* as foreigners and
 9 temporary residents to abstain from fleshly desires
 10 which wage war against your soul, ¹² maintaining
 11 your good conduct among the Gentiles, **so that** in
 12 *the things* in which they slander you as evildoers, by
 13 seeing your good deeds they may glorify God on the
 14 day of visitation.

15 ¹³ Subject yourselves to every human authority for
 16 the sake of the Lord, whether to a king as having
 17 supreme authority, ¹⁴ or to governors as those sent
 18 out by him for the punishment of those who do evil
 19 and the praise of those who do good. ¹⁵ For the will
 20 of God is as follows: *by* doing good to silence the
 21 ignorance of foolish people. ¹⁶ *Live* as free *persons*,
 22 and not using your freedom as a covering for evil,

23 but as slaves of God. ¹⁷ Honor all *people*, love the
 24 community of believers, fear God, honor the king.

25 ¹⁸ Domestic slaves, be subject to your masters with
 26 all respect, not only to those *who are* good and
 27 gentle, but also to those *who are* unjust. ¹⁹ For this
 28 *finds* favor, if because of consciousness of God
 29 someone endures sorrows *while* suffering unjustly.

30 ²⁰ For what credit *is it* if, *when you* sin and are
 31 beaten *for it*, you endure? But if you endure *when*
 32 *you* do good and suffer *for it*, this *finds* favor with
 33 God. ²¹ For to this you were called, because Christ
 34 also suffered for you, leaving you an example, **so**
 35 **that** you should follow in his footsteps, ²² who did
 36 not commit sin, nor was deceit found in his mouth,
 37 ²³ who *when he* was reviled, did not revile in return;
 38 *when* suffering, he did not threaten, but entrusted
 39 *himself* to the one who judges justly, ²⁴ who himself
 40 bore our sins in his body on the tree, **so that** *we* may
 41 die to sins *and* live to righteousness, by whose
 42 wounds you were healed. ²⁵ For you were going
 43 astray like sheep, but you have turned back now to
 44 the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Four times in this section Peter uses the phrase “so that” indicating purpose.

- What is the “so that” describing? What is the starting point of Peter’s statement?
- Why does Peter say this is important? What **motive** does he describe?
- How does he describe the attitudes or actions to accomplish that purpose? What **behavior** should result?

What?	So That	Why?	How?
<i>Chosen (v. 9)</i>	<i>so that</i>	<i>You may proclaim the virtues...</i>	
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What conclusions do you draw from Peter’s exhortations about our motives and our behavior?

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Inductive Bible Study

(A few general ideas)

Observation (What does it say?)

What facts do you **observe** about the passage that help bring out the writer's thought process?

- Who are the people involved?
- What action takes place?
- What type of literature is it (poetry, history, didactic, etc.)?
- What details are included or left out?
- Are any unusual words used?
- Is there symbolic language?
- What is the grammar of the passage (pronouns, prepositions, verb tenses)?
- Are words or ideas repeated?
- Any comparisons or contrasts?
- Any cause and effect?
- Are there indications of purpose ("in order that...")?
- Are there conclusions ("Therefore...")?
- Are there explanations?
- Does the passage logically break into sections?
- How would you summarize the passage?
- What would be a good "headline" for the passage?

Interpretation (What does it mean?)

What questions come to mind about the facts that would help you **interpret** the meaning?

- How would the original readers have understood the passage?
- What is the main emphasis?
- Why does the writer use repetition, or contrast, or unusual words?
- What does the grammar or structure of the passage reveal about the writer's thought pattern?
- Is there a logical sequence in the passage?
- How are different ideas in the passage connected?
- Are there any new ideas or concepts presented?
- Are there difficulties in the passage?

Application (What does it mean for me?)

What is the impact on your life? What **application** does the Holy Spirit want to show you?

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there a promise to be thankful for?
- Is there an attribute of God to worship?
- Is there an example to follow?

**Read nothing into the Scriptures, but draw everything from them, and suffer nothing to remain hidden that is really in them.
J.A. Bengel (1687-1752)**

For a much more detailed description of the methodology, see

Robert A. Traina, *Methodical Bible Study*. Wilmore, Kentucky: Asbury Theological Seminary, 1952.

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