Shew Forth God's Praises

Intro: Peter gives us a marvelous view of what Christians are when he writes: “But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light” (1 Pet. 2:9). In this lesson, I want us to center our minds on the latter part of this great verse.

I. The Text:
   A. What we are:
      1. A chosen generation
      2. A royal priesthood
      3. An holy nation
      4. A people belonging to God (peculiar people)
   B. What we do as a result of what we are:
      1. “Shew forth” means to demonstrate or to make known.
      2. “Praises” means virtue, moral excellence, or moral goodness.
      3. Of God
      4. We are to demonstrate in our life the moral goodness or excellence of God.

II. The Demonstration:
   A. By having attitude of God we demonstrate His excellencies.
      1. 2 Pet. 1:4 “Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”
      2. What are those attributes:
         a. 2 Pet. 1:5-7 “And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; 7And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.”
         b. Demonstrated in the life of Jesus on the earth.
   B. In Worship
      1. Jesus was often found in the synagogue.
      2. John 4:23-24 “But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.
         26‘God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”
      3. If we are demonstrating God's excellences, then we will attend all the worship services of the church.
   C. In Purity
      1. Purity includes:
      2. Doctrine
         a. Psa. 19:8 “The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.”
         b. Psa. 119:140 “Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.”
3. Thought
   a. Pro. 12:5 “The thoughts of the righteous are right: but the counsels of the wicked are deceit.”
   b. Rom. 12:2 “And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”

4. Practice
   a. 1 Tim. 5:22 “Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men’s sins: keep thyself pure.”
   b. In speech; Eph. 4:29 “Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.”
   c. In actions.

D. In Service
   1. Service to God
   2. Service to our fellow man
      a. Jesus went about doing good
         (1) Acts 10:38 “How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.”
         (2) We need to be engaged in doing good works.
      b. Showing compassion on others:
         (1) In helping others: Mat. 14:14 “And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.”
         (2) In teaching others: Mat. 9:36-38 “But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. 37Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; 38Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.”

Conclusion: We are called to this type of lifestyle by the Gospel; 2 Thes. 2:14 “Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ” Have you obeyed the Gospel to your souls salvation?