

THE REAL MEANING OF CHRISTMAS *from* 1 PETER 2:4-9
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Christmas and Calvary are forever linked for it was the sole purpose of our Savior's incarnation. Peter paraphrases Isa 28:16, an Old Testament prophecy, speaking of the coming Messiah as the cornerstone of His New Covenant, the church. During His earthly ministry, Jesus said, I will build My church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it (Matt 16:18). Christmas is the celebration of the church of Jesus Christ, Who is its head (Eph 1:22, 23; 5:23, 24; Col 1:18; 3:17; 2:8, 19).

1. A Description of the Lord Jesus Christ (I Pet 2:4).

2. A Description of God's Plan and Promise (I Pet 2:6-7a).

3. A Description of the Unbeliever (I Pet 2:7b-8).

4. A Description of the Believer (I Pet 2:5, 9)
 - A. Our Position – A Chosen Generation.

 - B. Our Office – A Royal Priesthood.

 - C. Our Character – A Holy Nation.

 - D. Our Value – A Peculiar People.

 - E. Our Purpose – To Show forth God's Praise