

# Declaring God's Praises

1 Peter 2:4-10

What happened yesterday?  
What we say tells what we think is important?  
What is most important to say in the world today?

"To God's elect, exiles scattered..." 1 Peter 1:1-2

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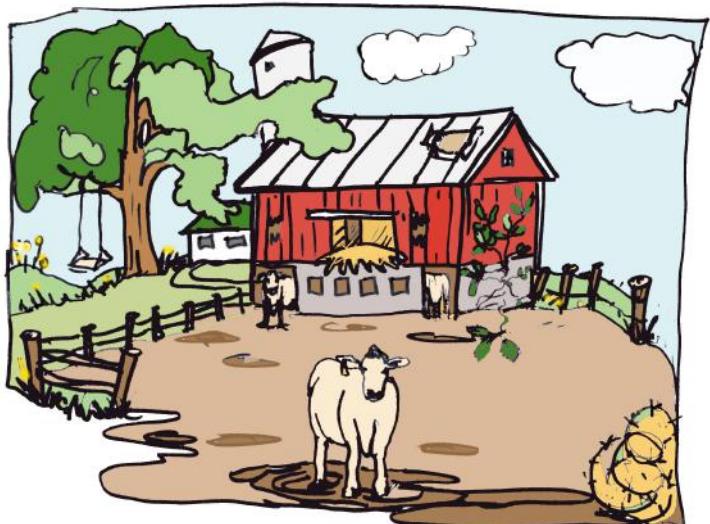
## The Big Idea

Though we should be nobodies, lost in oblivion, rejected by God  
in Jesus we are the forever-loved-family of God

who will live at home with God forever in paradise  
*no matter what happens in this lifetime*

What do we highlight about the world?

Optimists  
Pessimists



"That you may declare the praises of him who called you"  
Creator  
Redeemer  
Coming King

## Application

### Come to Jesus

"No one who trusts in him will ever be put to shame."

Everyone who trusts in Him will forever be overjoyed that they did!

**Once:** Accept by faith the forgiveness and mercy  
that Jesus died to give

**Always:** Keep turning more fully to Him

### Rejoice in God's grace to save and love

In Jesus, God gives the love we don't deserve

Darkness → Marvelous light

Not a people → God's own people

Not received mercy → Received mercy

### Rejoice in the Lord always!

### Make known God's grace

"the fruit of lips that openly profess his name"

Words, actions, creations, productivity

The sum of our expression = our core convictions about the world  
(Schaeffer)

Our vision: "The peoples of all nations being transformed by Christ  
together to the glory of God"

"The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but  
Jesus sent him away, saying, 'Return home and tell how much God has  
done for you.' So the man went away and told all over town how much  
Jesus had done for him." Luke 8:38-39

"A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and  
an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the  
mouth speaks what the heart is full of." Luke 6:35

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## Reflection Questions for later today or this week...

1. What does it look like to "come to Jesus" the first time?  
To come always? What is the next step you will take?
2. What is your heart full of? How is that reflected in your words?
3. What does it look like, or will it look like, for you to declare openly  
the praises of Jesus, our Creator, Redeemer, and Coming King?

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## Conversation starters with people in daily life, whether or not they are Christians

How are you doing...really?