



An Unstoppable Force

1 Peter 2:9-12

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The Church is the collection of _____ people set apart to be an _____ force for God in this world.

I. The Church's _____ with God.

"You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God," 1 Peter 2:9

"Now if you obey Me fully and keep My covenant, then out of all nations you will be My treasured possession. Although the whole earth is Mine, you will be for Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." Exodus 19:5-6

God has extended to the _____ the covenant blessings of _____.

II. The Church's _____ against Sin.

"Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul." 1 Peter 2:11

Our best strategies for resisting sin are to:

1. _____ ourselves with Christ.

"Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature." Romans 13:14

2. _____ by the Spirit.

"So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature." Galatians 5:16

III. The Church's _____ in Society.

We are to be witnesses about God through:

1. Our _____ testimony about God.

"...that you may declare the praises of Him Who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light. Once you were a not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."

1 Peter 2:9,10

2. Our embodiment of God's _____.

"Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day He visits us." 1 Peter 2:12