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INT: Peter sent greetings to brethren everywhere. Chapter 1:3-4. Great inheritance promised. 1:5. By God's power, thru our faith! Tells how in chapter 2; verses 5 and 9.

LESSON: A true, spiritual description of the Church. 2:

I. A CHOSEN GENERATION. (AT ELECT RACE)

1. Liberated—Israel the first to be honored in this fashion. Exodus 19:3-7. New covenant promises.
2. Christians chosen to special blessings: Eph. 1:3. II Tim. 2:10. Said to no other.
4. Idea: Actually elected or appointed.

II. A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD. (GUIDE OWN WORSHIP)

(Knt. II, p. 490)

2. The Christian's privilege: To go directly to the Throne of the Creator. *I Tim. 2:1-5.
3. Nothing can replace the power of prayer.

III. A HOLY NATION. = DEDICATED.

1. Holy means: "different, separated from sin, separated to God. Sanctified. Set apart."
2. Holiness is the PURPOSE for living. *IP.1:13-17
3. **Ill.** Could learn something about priorities from John Wannamaker. Died 1922. Developed lg. chain of retail stores. Built a 4,000 (Knt. II,) mem. Bible School in 1856. Was Postmaster-Gen. of U. S. Asked how? Said the Bible School was his business. Other things were just for pleasure of staying busy.

IV. A PECULIAR PEOPLE.

B. Does mean: Acquired of God or possessed of God
   I Cor. 6:19-20. Acts 20:28. **an acquisition?**
C. Means SUPERIOR or BEYOND ORDINARY in Titus 2:11-14,*
   **Ill.** If do, liable to end up like discouraged Bible School teacher. One student went into service in W. W. II. Was badly wounded one night. Chaplain asked if had any last wishes. Did:
   Sent two letters home: One to mother. One to BS teacher. Tell mother I died happy!
   The teacher had just QUIT her class. Felt she had done little good. Got boy's letter telling her he died true to the TEACHINGS OF THE BIBLE from her.
   Chaplain received the following letter in return: "God have mercy on me! Only last month I resigned from my Bible School class because I was tired and discouraged and felt that my teachings were doing no good. Scarcely had I, through my cowardly heart, given up my class when I received this letter from you. You will never know the joy and the lift this letter has given me. I have returned to the leaders of the church and requested my class back. I am going to try again. Through the strength that I shall receive from my Lord I will be faithful to the end." (Knt. II, p. 196)

INV: Jesus calls YOU to the superior life!
