

THE CHURCH DISTINGUISHED

I Peter 2:9

**A church is a called-out assembly of possessed people
meeting in a particular place**

I. GOD CALLED US OUT OF DARKNESS

- A. WE ARE CHANGED - I Corinthians 6:9-11
- B. WE ARE RECONCILED - Colossians 1:21-22
- C. WE ARE FORGIVEN - Colossians 2:13-15
- D. WE ARE TURNED - I Thessalonians 1:9

II. GOD CALLED US INTO LIGHT

A. THE DETAILS

- Invited to and illuminated by the Son

B. SOME DESCRIPTIONS

- 1. A chosen race
 - a. Related to God - Romans 8:16-17
 - b. Selected by God - Colossians 3:12
- 2. A royal priesthood
 - a. With access to God - Matthew 27:50-51
 - b. With offerings for God - Romans 12:1 (and see v. 5)
- 3. A holy nation
 - a. The people of God - Romans 9:25-26 (and see v. 10)
 - b. The purified of God - II Corinthians 6:17
- 4. A spiritual house (see v. 5)
 - a. Understanding our unity - Ephesians 2:19-22
 - b. Undergirding the truth - I Timothy 3:14-15

C. THE DESIGN

- 1. Each of these is an identifiable group
- 2. None of these indicates an independent Christian unconnected to a church

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III. GOD CALLED US TO PROCLAIM HIS EXCELLENCIES

- A. HIS EXCELLENT WAYS - Romans 11:33-36
- B. HIS EXCELLENT GRACE - Ephesians 1:3-6
- C. HIS EXCELLENT PRAISE - Colossians 3:15-17
- D. HIS EXCELLENT WORTH - Revelation 5:9-10

CONCLUSION:

Franklin Road Baptist Church is a group of possessed people meeting in this particular place to reflect upon what God has called us from, called us to and called us for.