STAND FIRM

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a people for God's possession, SO THAT you may proclaim His praises. 1 Peter 2:9

"The world gets its concept of God from the people who say they belong to God's family. They read us as Christians more than they read the Bible. They see us. They only hear about Jesus Christ." -Alexander Maclaren-

"A saint is a person who makes it easy to believe in Jesus."

Ruth Bell Graham

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of the one who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. 1 Peter 2:9-10

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Dear Friends = divinely loved Strangers = temporary dweller Exiles = someone passing through

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I say, then, walk by the Spirit and you will certainly not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is against the Spirit, and the Spirit desires what is against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you don't do what you want. **Galatians 5:16-17**

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Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, moral impurity, promiscuity, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambitions, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and anything similar...

Galatians 5:19-21

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"For unbelievers, the world is a playground of passions. But for the believer it's a battleground of opposition and temptation."

-Pastor Chuck Swindoll-

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Honorably = beautiful, winsome, attractive or fair to look at

...but in your hearts set apart Christ the Lord as holy, ready at any time to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you. 1 Peter 3:15

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16