

**Stand Firm: Standing Firm in this Dark World**

**Sermon # 7, 1 Peter 2:9-12**

**Main Point:** *We can be the light of Jesus in this dark world because of all God has done for us.*

**Getting to Know You**

1. Share a story, either personal or one you've heard, about how someone thought an item was worthless but it was actually very valuable.

**Getting into the Book**

**Read 1 Peter 2:9-12**

2. In light of verse 9, what do you think of this statement, "Christians don't really understand what God thinks of us"?
3. Seeing the descriptions of believers in verse 9, are there any that stand out to you more than the others? Why?
4. Where are Christians guilty of dabbling in the darkness and justifying their behavior? Would you be willing to confess an area where this is true of you?
5. Think about the time when you had not received God's mercy, and compare it to when you did receive God's mercy. What difference has this made in your life?
6. How often in a week do you think about Heaven being your true home? What are some ways to increase in this area?

**Getting Out There**

7. How can our daily Christian lifestyle be a strong testimony for the Lord? Give some practical examples.
8. Refer to verse 11, and also read 1 John 2:15-17. Give specific examples from the world around us of the areas mentioned in verse 16.
9. How can we pray for each other so that we can be more effective in our witness to the dark world in which we live?

**Pray**

Praise God for what He says is true of you from verses 9 & 10. Pray about ways to be His light in this darkness.