

What spiritual sacrifices should we be offering to God (2:4)?

- 1 Samuel 15:22
- Psalm 51:17
- Isaiah 58:5-6
- Romans 12:1
- Hebrews 13:15
- Hebrews 13:16

What causes people to stumble over Jesus (2:8)?

What does it mean to be (2:9)?

- a chosen people
- a royal priesthood
- a holy nation

What are the implications of our identity as God's people for the American church? When and how does my identity as an American citizen conflict with my identity as God's child? What needs to change?

Live It!

Practice offering a spiritual sacrifice daily.

Take a walk with your family or friends looking for the cornerstones of historic buildings or churches. What do these stones tell you about the building? Do these stones serve an essential or commemorative purpose? Discuss the significance of Jesus being the cornerstone of the church.

How does racial prejudice affect my life and the life of the white evangelical church? What step will I take as a Christ-follower to address racism?

Studies in First Peter

Be the Church

1 Peter 2:4-10

Sunday, July 5, 2020

Sermon Proposition

It Is Time to Be the Church God Intends Us to Be!

By Submitting to the Builder

You...are being built into a spiritual house

1 Peter 2:4-5 (NIV)

By Aligning with the Cornerstone

As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him

1 Peter 2:4, 6-8 (NIV)

By Identifying as God's People

But you are a chosen people...once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God;

1 Peter 2:9-10 (NIV)

My Next Step:

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Discussion Guide

1 Peter 2:4 – 10

As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

⁶ For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame." ⁷ Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," ⁸ and, "A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

¹⁰ Once you were 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 2:4–10 (NIV)

Open It

What is your ethnic heritage and how has it shaped who you are and what you do?

Consider It

Identify the "you...are" statements in this passage. Which one is most intriguing to you and why?