

*the resurrected life*

*Studies from 1&2 Peter*

As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—<sup>5</sup> 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. **1 Peter 2:4,5**

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."

<sup>7</sup> Now to you who believe, this stone is precious.

1 Peter 2:6,7

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.

1 Peter 2:7,8

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. <sup>10</sup> 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 2:9,10



# I. What we are called to be.

<sup>4</sup> As you come to him, the living Stone— ...<sup>5</sup> you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house...

So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.     John 1:14



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# **I. What we are called to be.**

...are being built into a  
spiritual house...



There is only one Body and one Spirit, and we have been called to one hope. There is only one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and only one God, who is the Father of us all, who is over all, is through all and is in all.

Ephesians 4:4-6



## **II. What we are called to do.**

“... to be a holy priesthood,  
offering spiritual sacrifices  
acceptable to God through  
Jesus Christ.” vs 5

“Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that confess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.” Hebrew 13:15,16



“—the fruit of lips that confess his  
name.” Hebrew 13:15



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Hebrew 13:16



Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Matthew 11:11





**What this means is two things:**

1. Every Christian has a spiritual gift.

You have certain talents, so use them.

**What this means is two things:**

2. You are not here by accident.

Some needs only you can meet.

Some people only you can touch.



### **III. Where we get the confidence to do this:**

*"As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God..."* ...<sup>5</sup> you also, like living stones,

# 1. Jesus has to be your foundation.

The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone, vs. 7

You believe that there is one  
God. Good! Even the demons  
believe that—and shudder.

James 2:19



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." **1 Peter 2:6**

There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:28



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...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. **vs.9**

**1 Peter 2:5,9**

## 2. Jesus has to be precious to you.

"... rejected by humans but  
chosen by God and precious  
to Him ..." vs.4



“Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else.”

Mark 9:35



“If any of you wants to be my follower,  
you must give up your own way, take up  
your cross daily, and follow me.

Luke 9:23



“If you cling to your life, you will lose it;  
but if you give up your life for Me, you  
will find it.”

Matthew 10:39



### **3. See Jesus rejected for you.**

“... rejected by humans but  
chosen by God.” vs.4

Because His heart was focused on the joy of knowing that you would be His, He endured the agony of the cross and conquered its humiliation, ...

Hebrews 12:2



No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again.

John 10:18





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