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1 Peter – “A Living Hope”

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**“A spiritual house of praise”**

Peter now takes us from how we each, individually, grow in Christ, to what we, collectively, are growing into. As Jesus grows each one of us who have **“tasted that the Lord is gracious”** through the **“pure milk of the word”** (v.2-3), He is also building us up together into a **“spiritual house;”** Jesus being the **“cornerstone”** that holds it all together. A spiritual house is a place of sacrifice and praise; and so we as a **“royal priesthood”** are called to offer up spiritual sacrifices of praise to the **“precious”** name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Do you see yourself this way, or are you just struggling through this life? Let this passage change your perspective. Allow the Spirit to open your eyes to the fact that you are a part of a **“chosen generation;”** and to the wonderful purpose you have been chosen for!

**Passage:** 1 Peter 2:4-10 (NKJV)

**Personal Study Time Questions:**

**Scripture: 1 Peter 2:4**

How does Peter describe the One we are supposed to be **“coming to”**? What is the difference between how **“men”** respond to Jesus, and how God views Him?

**Scripture: 1 Peter 2:4-5**

When verse 5 starts off with **“you also,”** it tells us that we share in the same qualities as the One who we have been joined to. What does this tell you about what you share with Him in how God **also** views **you**?

**Scripture: 1 Peter 2:5**

What are we who are also **“living stones”** being built up into? On that basis, how does it describe us, and as such, what are we called to **“offer up”** to God?

**Scripture: 1 Peter 2:6-8**

As a **“spiritual house”** in Christ, these verses tell us that Jesus is our **“cornerstone;”** which is defined as *‘a stone that forms the base of a corner of a building, joining two walls together.’* Therefore, since Jesus is what holds us all together, what phrase in verse 7 best describes what He is to **“you who believe”**? In contrast, what is He to those who reject Him (v.8)?

**Scripture: 1 Peter 2:7-8**

What does verse 8 say about those who were given Scripture, (the **“builders”**), but rejected Christ; why they stumbled?

**Scripture: 1 Peter 2:9-10**

What does Peter say we are as a result of believing in He who is precious? What is the great contrast you see in these verses between what our lives **“once were”** and what they are now? Because of all this, what are we called to do in verse 9; what is the purpose of this **“spiritual house”**?

### **Personal Application:**

Study carefully, and meditate again on verses 9 and 10. Do you see yourself as Peter describes in the first part of verse 9? Is your special calling, as described here, evident in your life? Consider again how these two verses describe what Jesus has done for you. In fact, go back and read from the beginning of this Letter all the way up to these two verses. What does it all make you feel about what verse 9 calls you to do as His royal priest? Is this something you can do? What does the end of verse 9 through verse 10 say you can easily proclaim His praises for? How might this attract others to become part of this spiritual house of ours? What other “spiritual sacrifices” can you think of that you can offer up to Jesus?

### **Hiding God’s Word in your heart (Ps. 119:11):**

“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.”

1 Peter 2:9-10