

**1 Peter Series “Living Stones”**  
**1 Peter 2:4-10**  
**September 26, 2021**

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4 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.

The image of the Temple.

Isaiah 28:16

16 So this is what the Sovereign Lord says:  
“See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone,  
a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation;  
the one who relies on it  
will never be stricken with panic.

“stone” and “son”.

Mark 12:1-12

Jesus then began to speak to them in parables: “A man planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a pit for the winepress and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. 2 At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants to collect from them some of the fruit of the vineyard. 3 But they seized him, beat him and sent him away empty-handed. 4 Then he sent another servant to them; they struck this man on the head and treated him shamefully. 5 He sent still another, and that one they killed. He sent many others; some of them they beat, others they killed.

6 “He had one left to send, a son, whom he loved. He sent him last of all, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’

7 “But the tenants said to one another, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ 8 So they took him and killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard.

9 “What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others. 10 Haven’t you read this passage of Scripture:

“The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
the Lord has done this,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

12 Then the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders looked for a way to arrest him because they knew he had spoken the parable against them. But they were afraid of the crowd; so they left him and went away.

Psalm 118:22

22 The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;

“built into a spiritual house”

Incarnational versus attractational.

Priests. Prophets. King.

1 Peter 2:9

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.

*How do you get in on this?* Has Jesus the cornerstone, set the direction and dimension of your life?

### **Grow Group Discussion Questions**

- What did God say to you during our Sunday gathering?
- Discuss the idea that Christianity is sometimes looked at as a new set of behaviors, things you do or don’t do. How does that miss the core of Christianity?
- Read 1 Peter 2:4-10. What are some of the descriptive words Peter uses to define the Christian’s identity, who the Christian is because of Jesus?
- What are your thoughts about being a “living stone?” How does God dwell in your community? What would be evidences of God’s presence with his people? How is your life meant to be more connected to other Christians? Is it moving in that direction?
- 1 Peter 2:9 contains special identifiers of Christians. Which one stands out to you? Why?
- Peter offers us the idea that Jesus was chosen and rejected. Does the idea of chosen and rejected conflict? How is this concept meant to encourage us in our lives?

- Discuss how your Grow Group can be an encouragement to each other this week regarding this passage?