**Better Together in Building**

*Series, Living Hope – Better Together*

1 Peter 2:4-10

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“Sin stands in the way between God and His children like a cactus.” – Neal Plantinga

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“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.

Theme: Jesus Christ is building you into the **T**  of the Holy Spirit as its **L**  **S** .

Imagery: Bricks

How?

1. Jesus Christ is **C**  you to come to the **L**  **S** .

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John 2:19-21

19 Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.”20 They replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” 21 But the temple he had spoken of was his body.

1. Jesus Christ is your **H**  & **R** .

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Romans 9:30-33

30 What then shall we say? That the Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have obtained it, a righteousness that is by faith; 31 but the people of Israel, who pursued the law as the way of righteousness, have not attained their goal. 32 Why not? Because they pursued it not by faith but as if it were by works. They stumbled over the stumbling stone. 33 As it is written:

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Q: Is Jesus Christ your irremovable foundation?

WHY?

Jesus Christ is the ultimate **H**  **P** !

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Hebrews 10: 11-14

11 Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again, he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. 12 But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, 13 and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. 14 For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

How?

Application 1

Serve as a royal priest to seekers by **B.L.E.S.S.**

B: **B**  with prayer.

L: **L**  to their story.

E: **E**  with them.

S: **S**  Meet their needs.

S: **S**  our story.

Application 2 Serve as a royal priest in a **H** .

2:10 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.

Hosea 2:23

I will say to those called ‘Not my people,’ ‘You are my people’;

 and they will say, ‘You are my God.’”

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