



## "Who Jesus Is and Who We Are"

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**The Big Idea:** People will either **stumble** over Jesus or **build** their lives upon Him. God's design for His people is that we tell the world who He is. We exist to display and proclaim God's excellence to the world. We are royal **priests** — called to point people to and declare the glories of our God and King.

- A life with God begins with a taste (1 Peter 2:3). This taste is **personal** but not **private**.
- This passage deals with two questions: "Who is Jesus?" and "Who are we?"

### 1 Peter 2:4-10 (ESV)

**2** <sup>4</sup>As you come to **him**, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and

<sup>5</sup> **you** yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

<sup>6</sup>For it stands in Scripture:  
"Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious,

and whoever believes in him  
will not be put to shame."

#### WHO IS JESUS?

"a living stone" (v. 4)

"rejected"

"chosen"

"precious"

"cornerstone"

"stumbling stone"

The one we go "through" to  
connect to God the Father (v. 5)

#### WHO ARE WE?

"living stones"

"spiritual house" (v. 5)

We are those who "believe in Him"  
(vv. 6-7)

<sup>7</sup> So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,"

<sup>8</sup> and

"A stone of stumbling,  
and a rock of offense."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

<sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

- But clearly not all believe. Some are those who reject Jesus (v. 7). To them, Jesus is a
  - a "stumbling stone"
  - "offensive"
  - An **authority** they reject

But, Christians, those who have trusted Christ alone as their Savior, He has made you ...

→ "a chosen race"

→ "a royal priesthood"

→ "a holy nation"

→ "a people for His own possession"

→ Proclaimers of the "excellencies of Christ" who took us out of darkness and into His marvelous light.

→ "God's people"

→ Recipients of God's "mercy"

### 7 SACRIFICES YOU CAN OFFER GOD

- ✓ Your **body** [Romans 12:1]
- ✓ Your **praise** [Hebrews 13:15]
- ✓ Your **good works** [Hebrews 13:16]
- ✓ Your **generosity** [Hebrews 13:16]
- ✓ **People** you point to Jesus [Hebrews 15:16]
- ✓ Your **love** [Ephesians 5:1-2]
- ✓ Your **prayers** [Revelation 8:3-4]

"Optimism is a wish without warrant; Christian hope is a certainty, guaranteed by God himself."

- J.I. Packer