

Sermon Notes



Title: *The Privilege of Being a Living Stone in God's House*

Text: I Peter 2:4-10

Theme: Christians have the honor to be living stones in the house of God. Assess how your position in the house of God as a living stone contributes to the growth of this house. Live out your privilege as a living stone as you offer spiritual sacrifices and proclaim the wonders of your God.

I. The _____ to Be _____ on Christ
(vv. 4-6)

II. The _____ of Those Who Finally
_____ Over Christ (vv. 7-8)

III. Our True _____ as the
_____ of God (vv. 9-10)

IV. Applications

- A. You have a _____ in the Lord's Church.
- B. You are never _____ in this world as a _____ of the body of Christ.
- C. You enjoy a true, spiritual _____ in the temple of the Lord.
- D. We _____ the _____ and the power of our sovereign King in this world.
- E. We as the Lord's Spiritual temple are a _____ where others "get in touch" with _____.
- F. We are to demonstrate the _____ and the _____ of our God.

Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:

1. To what is the Lord Jesus compared (v. 4a)?
2. How did people generally welcome and receive Christ when He came to this earth (v. 4b)?
3. What is God's evaluation of Christ Jesus as a living stone (v. 4c)?
4. How does Peter describe Christians (v. 5a)?
5. What is the purpose of Christians in this world (v. 5b)?
6. To what specific type of building stone is Jesus compared (v. 6)?
7. Who rejected this special building stone (v. 7)?
8. What is the relationship of those who reject Christ as the precious cornerstone laid by God (v. 8a)?
9. What is the ultimate reason why people stumble and reject Christ (v. 8b)?
10. What four descriptions does Peter give to identify God's people (v. 9a)? To whom did these descriptions originally apply?
11. What is the result of and goal toward which these descriptions of God's people lead (v. 9b)?
12. Who specifically are those who "once were not a people, but now are God's people" (v. 10)?
13. Why is it an honor to be a Christian? How is it an honor for you specifically?
14. What does it mean to have a special place in the Lord's Church?
15. Why do Christians sometimes feel isolated in the body of Christ? How can the Church prevent this from occurring? How can an individual member keep this from happening?
16. As a member of the Lord's Temple, how do you enjoy a feast in the house of the Lord?
17. In what sense is the Church an honored institution in the world today?
18. How do people discover the presence of God in the Church?
19. Do unbelievers come into contact with God when they enter the worshiping assembly of God's people? If so, how?
20. How can God's people more perfectly demonstrate God's beauty in this world as His Church?