

Living Stones

1 Peter 2:4-5

1. We Must _____ to Christ (v. 4)
 - a. He is _____
 - b. He is _____
 - c. He is humanly _____
 - d. He is divinely _____
 - e. He is divinely _____

2. We Must Become _____ Christ (v. 5)
 - a. Alike in _____
 - i. Christ is _____ Chosen One
 - ii. Christians are Chosen (_____)
 - b. Alike in _____
 - i. _____
 - ii. _____
 - c. Alike in _____
 - d. Alike in _____

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.”

(Psalm 118:22)

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.”

(Romans 12:1)

“Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His name.”

(Hebrews 13:15)

For Further Study

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The first verses of chapter two mention that we should long for the pure spiritual milk of the Gospel, the Word of God. Verse four makes a presumption that we are “coming to Him...”

1. Coming to Christ means coming to the source of life.

Read John 14:6-7. Coming to Jesus means coming to Whom? What difference does it make that Jesus is the *Living* stone? What if Peter had been the “rock” – how would that have been problematic?

2. What dangers are inherent in coming to Jesus?

Read Acts 4:11-12. The idea is that of builders looking for good stones upon which to build and rejecting those that wouldn’t work. They come across the perfect stone but reject it, too. What happens when believers come to Christ whom the world rejects?

3. How much better is the reality than Old Testament types?

Both the “house” (a reference to the temple) and the priesthood are Old Testament concepts. These Old Testament things were physical, full of blood and concrete to Israel. For believers, the New Israel, how is the spiritual reality better than the physical types of Old Testament times?

4. What do we, as a holy priesthood, now do?

- a. Read Romans 12:1. What kind of sacrifice does Paul say we must offer?
- b. Read Hebrews 13:15. What kind of sacrifice is offered here?
- c. Consider verse 5 of our text again. What is the most crucial aspect of our sacrifices that make them acceptable to God?

What sacrifices are you offering to God that please Him now? Is this passage compatible with a “freelance Christian?” How important is “community” to Peter? To the church?