

CHRIST: THE LIVING STONE
1 Peter 2:4-10

INTRODUCTION:

Today, we will explore Christ as The “Living Stone” – rejected by humanity but chosen and precious to God. Believers are called to come to Christ, becoming “Living Stones” themselves, built into a spiritual house – a holy priesthood – to offer sacrifices and “declare praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”

In this message, we will explore four components related to Christ:

- I. **CHRIST AS THE LIVING STONE** (vv. 4, 6-8)
 - A. Come To Jesus – “To Whom Coming” (v. 4; Matt 11:28)
 - B. Come to Christ as The Living Stone (v. 4; Rev 1:18)
 - C. Christ is the Cornerstone – (1 Cor 3:11; Eph 2:20-22; 1 Pet 2:4-5)
 - D. The Two Reactions (v. 8)
 - E. The Promise (v. 6)

- II. **BELIEVERS AS LIVING STONES** (v. 5a)
 - A. Based on our connection to Christ – Born Again – we are Living Stones that are being build up into a spiritual house.
 - B. God’s house is a spiritual house opposed to a political or physical entity.
 - C. All Living Stones (1 Cor 3:9)

- III. **THE HOLY PRIESTHOOD** (vv. 5b, 9-10)
 - A. We are a “Holy Priesthood” removing the need for human mediator, as we can now enter God’s presence. – (Lev 16; 22:26-32; 1 Pet 2:5; Heb 9:24-28; 10:10-14)
 - B. Four Descriptions of God’s People

- IV. **PROCLAIMERS OF CHRIST’S EXCELLENCE** (vv. 9-10)
 - A. The Believer’s Responsibility (v. 9)
 - B. Praise God for changing you from “Not a People” to “The People of God” (v. 10).

CONCLUSION:

- A. In conclusion, we reviewed - Christ As The Living Stone, Believers As Living Stones, The Holy Priesthood, and Proclaimers of Christ’s Excellence.

- B. The Transformed Foundation

- C. **ABC’s of Salvation** - (Rom 3:23; Eph 2:8-9; Rom 5:8; 1 Cor 15:3-4; Rom 10:9-13)

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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).