

LIFE IN EXILE

SUSTAINED BY HOPE IN A HOSTILE WORLD

1 Peter - Part 8

THE BUILDING OF A SPIRITUAL HOUSE

An Undertaking Like No Other

(1 Peter 2:4-10)

INTRODUCTION:

• **THE _____:**

- We are members of a new and greater Spiritual House built _____ and _____ Jesus Christ. And truly understanding who we are in this new undertaking must, of necessity, shape how we _____ and _____ as exiles.

• **THE _____:**

1. Jesus fulfills the _____ and _____ Imagery of God's "Building/Stone" motif.

2. This passage emphasizes the continued _____ of our _____ —our life and purpose—with Jesus.

3. In exile, _____ removed from Jerusalem, Peter tells his readers that they are the very _____ and _____ of God's activity in the world.

1A. THE _____ OF THIS NEW SPIRITUAL HOUSE (v. 4, 6-8)

- Jesus' Identity: He is the _____ Stone.

"And coming to Him **as to a living stone** which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God,..."

1B. He is the _____ Stone.

- ⁶ For this is contained in Scripture:

"BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A **CHOICE STONE**, A **PRECIOUS CORNER** stone, AND HE **WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED.**"

2B. He is the _____ Stone.

⁷ This precious value, then, is for you who believe; but for those who disbelieve, **"THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED,..."**

3B. He is the _____ Stone.

⁷ This precious value, then, is for you who believe; but for those who disbelieve, **"THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE VERY CORNER stone,"**

4B. He is the _____ Stone.

⁸ and, **"A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE";** for they stumble because they are disobedient to the word, and to this doom they were also appointed."

2A. THE _____ OF THIS NEW SPIRITUAL HOUSE (v. 5, 9-10)

• Our Identity: We are the _____ Stones.

"...you also, **as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house** for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

⁹ ...But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal **PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION**, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ¹⁰ for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY."

1B. We are _____ in a new _____.

2B. We are _____ in a new _____.

3B. We are _____ in a new _____.

CONCLUSION:

"...so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light..."