

LIFE IN EXILE

SUSTAINED BY HOPE IN A HOSTILE WORLD

1 Peter - Part 8 (continued)

THE BUILDING OF A SPIRITUAL HOUSE

An Undertaking Like No Other

(1 Peter 2:4-10)

INTRODUCTION:

• THE BASIC POINT :

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

• THE BIG PRINCIPLES :

1. Jesus fulfills the prophetic and poetic Imagery of God's "Building/Stone" motif.
2. This passage emphasizes the continued interweaving of our identity—our life and purpose—with Jesus.
3. In exile, geographically removed from Jerusalem, Peter tells his readers that they are the very heart and center 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..."