

“Chosen and Honored”

Text: I Peter 2:4-5

Scripture reading: Matthew 16:13-19

I. The Foundation – vs. 4

A) Coming by faith

B) Living stone

C) Divinely chosen

D) Heaven approved

II. The house – vs. 5

A) Alive in Christ (I Cor. 15:22; Eph. 2:4-5; Rom. 6:11; I Pet. 3:18)

B) God's dwelling place

C) A holy priesthood

D) Acceptable sacrifices

-Heb. 13:15 = _____

-Rom. 12:1-2 = _____

Implications:

1. We are God's _____, His _____, His _____.

2. We are God's _____, a _____.

3. We are God's _____, and _____ to Him in Christ.

“There is nothing more equal and just than to worship and serve Him whose we are; to love and to live to Him from whom we have our life and breath...”

Elisha Coles; English author; 1608-1688

SERMON QUOTE:

II. The house – vs. 5

C) A holy priesthood

Alan M. Stibbs,

“What was unthinkable in Judaism is fundamental to Christianity; proselytes become priests. The priesthood and its ministry are a status and a privilege enjoyed by the whole laity, by every member of the people of God.” [Alan M. Stibbs