

THE CHURCH AS A...People

1 Peter 2:4-10

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Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.
(v. 10)

1. **Being part of God's people means I am a _____ of the kingdom of God.**

...you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. (v. 5)

2. **Jesus' death on the cross is the only way God created for me to be _____ into the people of God.**

For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." (v. 6)

3. **God's people exist because of God's _____.**

So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," and "A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. (vv. 7-8)

4. **Being part of God's people connects me to God's _____ and _____.**

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises...

(2 Peter 1:3-4)

5. **Being part of God's people means I am part of what He is doing _____.**

...that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. (v. 9)

6. **Being part of God's people means I am _____ to God's people.**

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession... (v. 9)

7. **Without a "people," my life has no _____ and I am an object of God's _____.**

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THEREFORE...

I will live _____.

I will live _____.

I will live _____.

Legend

- #1 Being part of God's people means I am a citizen of the kingdom of God.
 - #2 Jesus' death on the cross is the only way God created for me to be welcomed into the people of God.
 - #3 God's people exist because of God's purpose.
 - #4 Being part of God's people connects me to God's covenants and promises.
 - #5 Being part of God's people means I am part of what He is doing today.
 - #6 Being part of God's people means I am connected to God's people.
 - #7 Without a "people," my life has no purpose and I am an object of God's wrath.
- I will live gratefully.
I will live generously.
I will live faithfully.

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