

I Peter 2: 4- 5

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and
like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer
spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Peter invites the first hears of the Gospel and every reader since, to a new identity

You are LIVING Stones

What does it mean for us to be LIVING Stones?

Last week I asked, *what does it mean to be living stones, like Jesus? And, I focused upon 5 qualities of Jesus being our Living Stone and how this shapes us:*

- Jesus, our Living Stone, gives us a place of belonging – a home.
- Jesus, our Living Stone, gives us purpose, vocation -- priesthood
- Jesus, our Living Stone, is a stumbling block to identity through individualism and arrogance.
- Jesus, our Living Stone, who knows our reality of rejection, suffering and pain, offers us with grace and mercy in our suffering and trials.
- Jesus, our Living Stone, unites us in our diversity

We are also invited, therefore, to trust that in this new dwelling, we become God's 'priesthood' that serves God through being instruments of grace and mercy who invite others to know the Living Lord of Hope.