

# A PICTURE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

1 Peter 2:1-12

## OUR LIFE, OUR CALLING

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WIDDING GOOD, OTHER BAD

→ How do I sin in, how resist?

IN LIGHT OF GOD'S LOVE + OUR CALL TO LOVE  
HERE'S WHAT WE DO

### Change Our Diet So We Can Grow Up

1 Peter 2:1-3 - <sup>1</sup>So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. <sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— <sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

#### Compost

"Cast away as if rotten..."

#### These things cause harm

2 Corinthians 12:20-21

#### These things feed appetite

Leave us wanting more, don't sustain

You are reborn, remember

Like infant, long for spiritual milk

#### Not elementary

1 Corinthians 3:2

Hebrews 5:12-13

#### Not elementary, but pure

Juxtaposed against malice, etc.

#### Which tastes better?

Candy vs. protein

#### The point?

Grow up.

### Be Built Up So We Can Live Well

1 Peter 2:4-8 - <sup>4</sup>As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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." <sup>7</sup>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," <sup>8</sup>and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

#### Jewish tradition - "this is worship"

Jesus rejected in light of this

But this stone is precious to God  
Cornerstone

We are drawn to this living stone,  
and like living stones we are being  
built up as well

#### Why does this matter?

#### Alternative to temple

God (living cornerstone) dwells in and among his  
people (living stones)

#### OT referenced here

(Isaiah and Psalms)

Christ came to fulfill law, not do away,  
BUT he is pointing to life beyond law

You, like Christ, may be rejected,  
but embrace him and find life.

Build your life around him and find honor  
Those who don't will stumble, here and then

#### The point?

To offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable...

#### Living sacrifices

1 Samuel 15:22

Psalms 40:6

### Embrace Our Identity So We Can Share The Story

1 Peter 2:9-10 - <sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>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.

#### No one wants to feel alone

Ministry here  
Is it worth it?

#### What is our identity?

You are a people  
You have received mercy  
You are chosen  
You are holy  
You are royal  
You are a priesthood  
You are a people possessed by God himself

Lifting all believers into a heavenly union  
Unexperienced by the rest of the world.

#### We are not alone

Together we are to proclaim his excellence

Called out of darkness  
Into marvelous light

SHARE YOURS.

#### Take invitation/remember

### Practice Discipline That We May Invite Others

1 Peter 2:11-12 - <sup>11</sup>Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup>Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

#### The accountability struggle

We are in a war behind enemy lines!

We coddle our sin

#### Keep conduct honorable

When the world looks at the church,  
do they see us coddling?

Do not underestimate the power of taking sin  
seriously

College leader confession

#### Discipline matters because holiness matters

Not just angry God; your life and influence

#### Trade joy as image bearer for dishonor

You were made for more!

Made for a steady diet of good, not feeding on bad  
Made to be built up and to participate, not to stumble  
Made to embrace identity and proclaim, not remain dark  
Made for holiness, not compromise

This is a picture of the kingdom, God's people

Will you join?

2 Corinthians 12:20-21 - For I fear that perhaps when I come I may find you not as I wish, and that you may find me not as you wish—that perhaps there may be quarreling, jealousy, anger, hostility, slander, gossip, conceit, and disorder. I fear that when I come again my God may humble me before you, and I may have to mourn over many of those who sinned earlier and have not repented of the impurity, sexual immorality, and sensuality that they have practiced.

1 Corinthians 3:2 - I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready...

Hebrews 5:12-13 - For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child.

1 Samuel 15:22 - And Samuel said, "Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams."

Psalms 40:6 - In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.