

1 PETER 2-4-12


OPEN: NOW THAT YOU ARE SAVED LIVE AS A SAVED PEOPLE SO THAT OTHERS WILL SEE AND SOME WILL BE SAVED
THIS IS NOT ABOUT YOU BEING “HOLIER THEN THOU” OR EVEN BEING A GOOD CHRISTIAN THIS IS ABOUT OTHERS [HOLINESS] PHI 2:1-5 [ACTIONS & THE WORD]

THE “OTHERS” FACTOR WILL PLAY INTO WHY WE NEED TO LIVE AS SAVED PEOPLE..... IT’S FOR OUR BLESSING AND THEIR SALVATION

**VS 4-8] PETER BEGINS TO CONTRAST PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE AND PEOPLE WHO REJECT YESHUA AS THE MESSIAH
WE ARE TO BE LIVING AS GOD’S CHILDREN FOR THEIR SAKE
THIS IS ALL THEY KNOW.....OUR LIVES SHOW THEM THERE IS ANOTHER WAY**

PETER BEGINS HIS CONTRASTING BY REMINDING US THAT WE ALREADY POSSESS THE MOST VALUED OF ALL THINGS.....YESHUA HIMSELF

VS 3 & 4

PETER’S THINKING OF MESSIAH AS A LIVING STONE IS BASED ON PROPHECY
**THIS IS NOT SOME N.T. IDEA.... PETER IS QUOTING ISAIAH THE PROPHET
ISA 28:16 [MESSIAH IS REFERRED TO MANY TIMES AS A STONE OR ROCK]
HE TURNS THE PROPHECY INTO A METAPHOR.....A LIVING STONE = A VERY PRECIOUS STONE [OPALS]** 

IN THE MIDST OF THE TRIALS AND TROUBLES OF THIS LIFE KNOW THE IMMEASURABLE VALUE THAT YOU HAVE IN YESHUA VS 3

**VS 4&7 IS THE CONTRAST BETWEEN THE BELIEVERS AND UNBELIEVERS FROM THE PROPHECIES OF THE O.T. PETER ALSO UNDERSTOOD THAT MANY WILL REJECT MESSIAH PS 118:22, ISA 8:14
IN THEIR REJECTION OF JESUS HE BECOMES THE VERY THING THAT CAUSES THEM TO STUMBLE AWAY FROM GOD REJECTION = [RUBY VS GARNET]
NOT ONLY WILL THEY NOT RECOGNIZE HIS VALUE AND REJECT THIS STONE.....THEY WILL TAKE OFFENSE AT THE BEAUTY OF HIM [ACTRESS]**

HOW DO THEY DO THIS? BY BEING DISOBEDIENT TO THE WORD THAT YESHUA IS THE WAY THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE VS 8
WE CAN'T EXPECT PEOPLE TO LIVE BY GOD'S STANDARDS IF THEY DON'T KNOW JESUS.....THIS IS PETER'S WHOLE POINT TO US
GOD EXPECTS US TO LIVE BY HIS STANDARDS FOR THEIR SAKE [THE OTHERS FACTOR]

THE UNBELIEVER AS THEY BUILD THEIR LIVES AND ETERNAL DESTINY THEY KEEP PUTTING ASIDE THE VERY CORNERSTONE TO LINE EVERYTHING UP WITH THAT'S ONE OF THE PURPOSES OF A CORNERSTONE

OTHER PURPOSE OF THE CORNERSTONE WAS TO INSCRIBE THE NAME, DATE & OWNER OF THE BUILDING [YESHUA IS THE HEAD OF HIS CHURCH]

ISA 53:5 

But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.
BECAUSE OF THIS, THIS ALSO MAKES HIM THE HIGH PRIEST OF THE CHURCH HEB 7

THE HIGH PRIEST NEEDS A PRIESTHOOD TO SERVE UNDER HIM THIS IS WHERE WE COME IN

THE SACRIFICES OF THE O.T. WAS TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE GOD THROUGH THE LEVITICAL PRIESTHOOD WE ARE NOW TO BRING THE SACRIFICES OF GOD THROUGH YESHUA OUR HIGH PRIEST

VS 5

VS 9-10] BY DEFAULT OF OUR SALVATION [CHOSEN RACE, ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, HOLY NATION, GOD'S PEOPLE] WE HAVE BEEN MADE PRIEST VS 5, 9 WE ARE TO DO THE WORK OF GOD'S PRIESTHOOD

WHAT DID THE PRIEST DO? BRING SACRIFICES TO GOD

WHAT ARE WE TO DO AS PRIEST? BRING SACRIFICES TO GOD VS 5

NOT BULLS & LAMBS BUT THE SACRIFICE OF OUR LIVES & RIGHTS TO OUR LIFE..... "IT'S NO LONGER I WHO LIVE BUT CHRIST WHO LIVES IN ME"

GAL 2:20

"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

*VS 11-12 ARE NOT **JUST ABOUT DOING OR NOT DOING SOMETHING...IT'S ABOUT HOW YOU WILL IT DO OR NOT DO IT SO THAT OTHERS WILL COME TO KNOW JESUS*

VS 12

****PETER'S LETTER TO THE PEOPLE OF HIS DAY AND TO US IS TO LIVE BY THE WORD OF GOD.....SO THAT THE BEAUTY OF YESHUA CAN BE SEEN IN YOU AS HIS LIVING STONE SO THAT WE MAY PROCLAIM THE EXCELLENCIES OF HIM WHO SAVED YOU*