

LIVING STONES, CHOSEN PEOPLE

A 30-Minute Bible Study on 1 Peter 2:1-10

Student Handout

Opening Thought

Peter is writing to believers scattered across the Roman world who feel like outsiders — displaced, misunderstood, and under pressure for their faith. In this passage, he tells them (and us) who we really are in Christ.

SCRIPTURE — 1 PETER 2:1-10 (KJV)

- 1 Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,*
- 2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:*
- 3 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.*
- 4 To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,*
- 5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.*
- 6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.*
- 7 Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,*
- 8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them that stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.*
- 9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:*
- 10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.*

PART 1 — GROWING IN GRACE (vv. 1-3)

1. What things does Peter tell us to "lay aside" in verse 1? Why do you think these particular sins are named together?

2. What does it mean to "desire the sincere milk of the word" like a newborn baby? What does spiritual hunger look like in daily life?

3. Verse 3 says "ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious." Describe a time you personally "tasted" God's goodness.

PART 2 — THE LIVING STONE (vv. 4-8)

4. Jesus is called a "living stone" — rejected by men but chosen by God. Where do you see Jesus being rejected in today's world?

5. Peter says believers are also "living stones" being built into a "spiritual house." What does it mean that your faith is not just personal, but part of something being built together?

6. The same stone is precious to believers but a "stone of stumbling" to the disobedient. Why does the same Jesus produce two such different responses?

PART 3 — OUR NEW IDENTITY (vv. 9-10)

7. List the four identity titles given in verse 9. Which one means the most to you today, and why?

8. What is the purpose behind our identity, according to the end of verse 9?

9. Verse 10 marks a before-and-after: "in time past... but now." What is your own "but now" story?

LIVE IT OUT

This week, I will lay aside the following from verse 1:

One way I will "taste and see" God's goodness this week:

One person I will show forth God's praises to this week:

Memory Verse: 1 Peter 2:9 — “But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people...”