

(1) Our Foundation

(2) Our Identity

(3) Our Purpose

- 1) What practical steps can you take to “come to Him” daily and draw near to Jesus?
- 2) Peter’s original readers were being persecuted. How can that help us understand why Peter stresses Jesus was “rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious”?
- 3) Notice the corporate language (like much of the New Testament even “you” is plural). How does this refute a “me and Jesus” mentality? How should this affect our relationship with other believers?
- 4) What do you think is meant by the phrase “and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame”?
- 5) What do you think is meant by the phrase “They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do”? (See Rom. 9:30-33)
- 6) v5 says one of our purposes as God’s people is “to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” How can we do this? (See Ps. 51:17; Micah 6:8; Rom. 12:1, 15:15-16; Heb. 13:15-16)
- 7) According to v9, our purpose as God’s people is to “proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you”. How can you do that in your own mission field?