

March 3, 2024
The Bridge Bible Fellowship
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1 Peter 2:4-10

“Stand Up & Stand Out”
“The Beauty of Holiness” – Part 5

- I. Foundation: God’s Provision of Salvation (1:1-12)
- II. Exhortation: Our Response to So Great a Salvation (1:13-5:14)
 - A. Sanctification (1:13-2:12) – The Beauty of Holiness
 - 1. Hope (13)
 - 2. Holiness (14-16)
 - 3. Fear / Reverence / Awe (1:17-21)
 - 4. Love (1:22-25)
 - 5. Crave the Word (2:1-3)
 - 6. _____ (2:4-10)

So What?

Discussion & Application:

1. If you took up the 90-Day Challenge to read the whole Bible, tell what you have learned so far. If you have not, share what your current plan is to Crave the Word and how it is going. Talk about obstacles to being in the Word of God every day and how you overcome them.
2. In 2:4, Peter says we are to continually approach Jesus as a living stone rejected by men but choice and precious in the sight of God. How does coming to Jesus that way help you when you are being persecuted for being a follower of Jesus? Read Heb. 2:12-18 and 4:9-16. What does Jesus do for us when we come to Him? How are you doing as a holy priest of God?
3. In 2:5, Peter says we are living stones. Americans can be fiercely independent and see personal growth as a means to personal benefit. What does this passage say about the corporate nature of the church? Does one stone make a house? How does our personal growth benefit the whole church (spiritual house)?
4. What did priests do in the Old Testament? What kind of sacrifices did they offer? Who are the priests in the New Testament? What sacrifices are they to offer? (See Rom. 12:1-2; Phil. 2:17; 4:18; Heb. 13:15-16; Rom. 15:16)
5. What is a “cornerstone” (or possibly “capstone”)? How is Jesus the cornerstone of the church? What are the implications for us individually and corporately?
6. What does it mean to “stumble” over Jesus? What is it about Jesus that people would reject Him (or His message)? What does Peter say about why people stumble over Jesus? How does knowing ahead of time that some people are going to reject Jesus help us when we tell them about Him?
7. Peter reminds his readers of who they are in Christ and what they have been called to do for Christ. Discuss the following terms and how meditating upon this corporate identity as followers of Jesus will help us grow together in holiness.
 - Chosen race
 - Royal priesthood (Is there a difference between a holy priesthood (v. 5) and a royal priesthood?)
 - Holy nation
 - People for God’s own possession
 - Proclaim the excellencies of Him
 - People of God
 - Received mercy
8. It is inevitable that people will stand before Jesus someday. List 5 people you know that have not yet trusted in Him alone for eternal life. Pray for them this week and ask the Lord to give you opportunities to explain the gospel to them, and share how He has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.
9. **3 Month / 90-Day Challenge!** Join Pastor Paul in reading through the whole Bible in 90 days. Read every verse from Genesis 1:1 through Revelation 22:21 between March 1st and May 31st (technically 92 days but we’re on Day 3 today). An average of 13 chapters per day (about 30-60 minutes per day – say no to media). There are numerous guides online that you can use. Here is the one Pastor Paul is using: <https://www.thebrooknetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/BibleIn90Days.pdf>
10. **Memorize 1 Peter 2:4-10.** Ask the Lord to use you to help the spiritual house at The Bridge become more holy and bear more fruit both locally and globally for His glory.