

Series: The Church

Message: A Priesthood: Part One

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:4-9 (NASB)

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1. The Church's Authority
(The Gospels)

2. The Church's Nature
(1 Peter)

- 1) The Church As A Family
(Members of the same family)
- 2) The Church As A Priesthood
(Stones of the same building)
- 3) The Church As A People Of God
(Citizens of the same country)

1 Peter 2:4-9

⁴ And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God,

⁵ you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

⁶ For this is contained in Scripture: "Behold, I lay in Zion a choice stone, a precious corner stone, And he who believes in Him will not be disappointed."

⁷ This precious value, then, is for you who believe; but for those who disbelieve, "The stone which the builders rejected, This became the very corner stone,"

⁸ and, "A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense"; for they stumble because they are disobedient to the word, and to this doom they were also appointed.

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

Primary Teaching

The residents of this royal community are considered stones which comprise a spiritual house designed for priests and priestesses to offer up spiritual sacrifices to God.

Jesus

- "a living stone" vs 4
- "rejected by men" vs 4
- "a precious cornerstone" vs 6
- "who never disappoints" vs 6
- "a stone of stumbling" vs 8
- "a rock of offense" vs 8

Christians

- "living stones" vs 5

Ephesians 2:19-22

¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household,

²⁰ having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone,

²¹ in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord,

²² in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

1. Every Christian Is A Priest(ess).

Next Week:

2. Every Christian Is To Offer _____.