

**Series:** The Church

**Message:** A Priesthood: Part Two

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

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**Dates:** 15/16 December 2018

- 1) The Authority Of The Church (Gospels)
- 2) The Nature Of The Church (1 Peter)
  - (1) Members Of The Same Family (1:22-2:3)
  - (2) Stones Of The Same Building (2:4-9)
  - (3) Citizens Of The Same Country (2:9-10)

Primary Teaching (last week)

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.

### **1 Peter 2:4-9**

<sup>4</sup> 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,

<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> 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."

<sup>7</sup> 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,"

<sup>8</sup> 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.

<sup>9</sup> 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;

### **Last Week:**

1. Every Christian Is A Priest(ess).

### **This Week**

2. Every Christian Is To Offer Sacrifices.

### **1 Peter 2:5**

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1) Our Lives

**Romans 12:1**

*<sup>1</sup> Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.*

2) Our Worship

**Hebrews 13:15**

*<sup>15</sup> Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.*

3) Our Service

**Hebrews 13:16**

*<sup>16</sup> And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.*

4) Our Resources

**Philippians 4:18**

*<sup>18</sup> But I have received everything in full and have an abundance; I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God.*

**4 Closing Statements**

- 1) We are stones united with many other stones and as such we comprise a spiritual house where we all function as priests and priestesses.
- 2) As priests and priestesses we offer to God our lives, our worship, our service and our resources.
- 3) This spiritual house becomes a safe shelter for an abused society living without the security of unconditional love, encouragement, support, guidance, values and truth.
- 4) We become living stones and function as living stones only because Jesus was willing to be the cornerstone, rejected and crucified.

**Charles Hodge**

*We cannot eat of the table of the Lord, without being brought into contact with Him, either to our salvation or condemnation. If we come thoughtlessly, without any desire after communion with Christ, we eat and drink judgment to ourselves. But if we come with a humble desire to obey our divine master and seek His presence, we cannot fail to be welcomed and blessed.*

**1 Corinthians 11:23-25**

<sup>23</sup> *For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread;*

<sup>24</sup> *and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."*

<sup>25</sup> *In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*